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BY STEVEN JONES

AN iconic music venue which closed suddenly is to reopen two months after it shut.

Woody's Music Bar in Market Street, Hednesford, will open its doors on April 20 after undergoing a refurbishment.

The venue, which had a reputation as one of the best places for live music in the area, will reopen as a music and sports bar. It has hosted hundreds of music acts over the years, including

nundreds of music acts over the years, including some of the region's finest tribute acts.

The new owner, Alan Condon, says he wants to continue the tradition of regular gigs at the bar. He said: "Woody did a cracking job of building the reputation down there. He did all the hard work. It's an ideal opportunity to get it

back on the map.

The Chronicle reported in February that Woody's had shut its doors despite having advertised events until the end of March.

Would-be customers had turned up expecting live music, only to find the doors shut and the lights off. "We were really disappointed," one ngins on: we were reany disappointed, one said. "A few people turned up and were surprised the doors were shut. It's a good venue, I hope it reopens soon."

Bands

At the time, Hednesford councillor Stuart Crabtree said it was a 'sad loss for the area and live music'.

Ive music.'

Mr Condon plans to put on bands from around the region at the 250-capacity venue once a month, as well as hosting a monthly open stage night for up-and-coming artists.

There are also plans to hold a comedy night each month, as well as an Eighties disco.

"We want to make sure there's always something there for all ages," he said.

The refurbishment, which has cost several thousand pounds, will also see the bar cater for sports fans. Six TV screens with sports channels have been installed, as well as a larger screen television, two dartboards and a pool table. There are also plans to introduce a food menu at a later date. at a later date.

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The new venue will be called Hen House Music and Sports Bar, and Cannock-based band Bloke have been booked to perform later this month to mark the venue's reopening.

Woody's, which held more than 200 people, opened in 2011 after an extensive refurbishment When it were the statement with the statem

ment. When it was put up for sale two years ago, the bar was described as a 'an iconic venue locally, with a reputation for attracting some of the best live performers the area has to offer



Superhero backing - Stafford Railway Building Society and Katharine House Hospice staff get in the mood for the fun runs

TICKETS have gone on sale for a charity fun run day which is being held at Shugborough for the first time.

The route of the event in aid of Katharine House Hospice takes runners, donning trainers and fancy dress, 5k or 10k around the historic estate on October 7.

Ticket prices vary, and an early bird rate on

tickets applies until May 24.
Lisa Carson, events fundraiser at the hospice, said: "This year it's 25 years since we

opened the doors to our day therapies centre. Local people were instrumental in getting the hospice started, and they continue to be the reason we can keep it running. We can't wait to see our superhero community out in force on October 7 to enjoy our family fun runs which are suitable for all ages and abilities. "This year we have some fabulous new

fundraising packs for all our runners so please book as soon as you can and help us to raise even more than our £20,000 goal. It's

not about how fast you go, it's all about having fun; there's no prize for the fastest runner but there will be a prize for the number one

fundraiser."
Stafford Railway Building Society are spon-

soring the event for the ninth year running.

People can register now via the hospice's website at www.khhospice.org.uk/

product/10k-and-5k-family-fun-run
Every finisher will receive a medal and chip
timing, provided by JC Race Solutions.

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Man jailed for 12 years over stab attack on nephew

A MAN who repeatedly stabbed his nephew in the stomach and left him with

nepnew in the stornach and left nim with life-changing injuries has been jailed for more than 12 years.

Robert Gearing, aged 39, was sentenced for wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm following an attack on Craig Pitts in Cannock last year. Stafford Crown Court heard that officers were called to a property in Danby Drive on September 19.

Mr Pitts, who is 24,
had been at Gear-

ing's house to help him clean it over the weekend of Septem-ber 16 and 17. The court heard that Gearing had been drinking alcohol following the weekend and had be-

come abusive.

Mr Pitts had locked himself in a bathroom to make a phone call in which he said



his face' and smashing the bungalow up. When the first police officer arrived at the scene he found Mr Pitts lying on the floor with extensive wounds to his stomach. After arresting Gearing, the officer seized a blue-handled knife with blood on the blade. Such was the seriousness of the victim's condition that Gearing was initially arrested for attempted murder.

The victim is still structling as a result of

The victim is still struggling as a result of his injuries and continues to receive hospital treatment and suffers with some lack of movement in his arm.

movement in his arm.
Gearing pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing and was sentenced at Stafford Crown Court on Friday to 12 and a half years.
Chief Inspector Sarah Wainwright of Cannock police described the attack as a

very distressing incident'

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Roy is next boxing legend to visit venue



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Roy Jones Jr - 'real legend'

Roy Jones Jr is to be the next legendary boxer to visit Cannock's The Premier

The history making boxer will be visiting the High Green venue on Thursday, May 17. Roy Jones Jr is the only boxer in history to start his professional career at light middleweight and go on

career at 1ght middleweight and go on to win a heavyweight title.

He is a six time world champion in four weight classes including middle-weight, super middleweight, light heav-yweight and heavyweight.

Considered by many boxing experts

pound for pound and left his mark in the sport's history when he won the WBA heavyweight title in 2003.

In doing so he became the first former middleweight champion to win a heavy-weight title in 106 years. He also holds the record for the most

He also holds the record for the most wins in unified light heavyweight title bouts in boxing history, at 12.

On the night he will be interviewed by former World Champion Richie Woodhall and popular boxing pundit Steve Bunce. There will be a gourmet meal for guests, photo opportunity with

with a Q and A session.

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Scott Murray, owner of The Premier
Suite, said: "It is another massive coup
for Cannock and boxing fams.
"Roy Jones Junior is one of the greatest boxers of all time. It will be a won-

est boxers of all time. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come and meet a
real legend."

Mr Murray has a proven track record
in bringing legends of sport to Cannock.
In the past the likes of Evander Holyfield, Floyd Mayweather Jr, Sugar Ray
Leonard and Joe Calzaghe have appeared at the venue.

County Hospital 'not sustainable' - bosses

tainable' in its current form, according to health bosses who have drawn up a five-year plan in a bid to make it viable.

The trust that runs the hospital is proposing a radical overhaul of the site and the services it provides warning it would be a long and difficult process.

An 'appropriate' level of emergency care will remain in Stafford but there has been no mention of a return to 24-hour A&E.

Bosses say County Hospital is underused and cannot continue to operate in its current form. The crisis talks come as it was revealed the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) is predict-ing a loss of £71 million for 2017-18.

It is set to lose a subsidy it receives to run County Hospital by 2022, making the need for drastic change all the more ur-

Key performance targets on A&E waiting times and cancer treatment are also being missed.

Challenge

The plan for the future of County Hospital includes shifting some services, such as elective operations, from Stoke to allow the city's under-pressure hospital to focus more on emergency care. Staffing at the trust will also be reviewed. A report, titled 'Delivering our 2025 Vi-sion', said: "The future of County Hospital

represents a significant challenge for the trust. It is not sustainable in its current form, with insufficient activity from pa-

inform, with institutent activity from patients in the surrounding area, therefore leaving spare capacity which is costly. "The current set-up of services is not efficient. County Hospital is underused and Royal Stoke is overheating significantly on a continual basis."

Health chiefs said the trust faced 'extreme' financial pressures and admitted it could not go on failing to meet perfor-

L marchers confront campaigners



Anti-racism supporters hold up their banner demanding that ex-MP Enoch Powell does not get a blue plague

MEMBERS of the far-right English Defence League marched in Wal-Defence League marched in Walsall on Saturday – coming into contact with anti-racism campaigners.

Around 100 EDL supporters arrived in St Paul's Square shortly after 1pm, chanting and waving flags – bringing them into direct

Are Walsall, which was holding an event outside St Paul's Church.

A line of police officers formed to keep the two groups apart.

Those who came out to show their opposition to the right-wing group also displayed their objection to potential plans to unveil a blue plaque for former Wolverhampton

MP Enoch Powell. There were no signs of violence, which had over-shadowed previous EDL visits. The only arrest was that of a 36-year-

old man on suspicion of a racially aggravated public order offence. The protesters remained in the square for around an hour before marching through the town centre

New health scheme to target 'at risk' over-50s

PEOPLE in Staffordshire who are deemed to be most at risk of developing poor health in later life are to be target-ed by a new health and lifestyle scheme. The Healthy Communities Service has

launched in the county and will be open to residents aged 50 and over. It has been launched in parts of the county where people are likely to have

the greatest long-term health risk.

Those who attend sessions will be offered prevention and lifestyle advice and support such as health checks, weight management, falls prevention physical

The new service will be provided by Everyone Health.

Service manager Bethany Albutt said:
"These community-focussed services
will help to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage more people to improve their health and wellbeing, with our

support."

Thousands of people in Stafford shire are using online services and sav-ing GPs' time. GPs in Staffordshire found that fewer people are failing to attend appoint-

ments because of how easy it is to re-

ments because of now easy it is to reschedule online.

It comes as NHS England revealed nearly 248,000 patients in Staffordshire are using online services allowing them to book appointments, request repeat prescriptions and view their records.

Reminder over stalls deadline

THE deadline is looming to book a trade stand at Staffordshire County Show.

More than 65,000 are expected to attend the event on May 30 and 31 at the showground in Weston Road, Stafford and there are now limited places left of the 400 trade stands available.

Trade stand secretary Holly Hobson said: "We will be accepting applications up to April 30.

said: "We will be accepting applications up to April 30.
"It is important to remind people of the deadline so they don't miss out. The earlier people get their applications in the better the stand position they are allocated – it is first come first served."

This year, visitors can enjoy the JCB Dancing Diggers, a dancing dog show and giant tortoises. For further information, contact Holly Hobson on 01785 258060.

Garden open day

GREEN-FINGERED enthusiasts will be heading for the Millennium Garden in Lichfield on Sunday when it will be open as part of the National Open Gar-den Scheme. Admission for adults to the two-acre garden in London Road will be £3.50 between 1pm and 5pm.







£40,000 to help stop parking hazards

CANNOCK Chase Council is set to put £40,000 towards additional parking to avoid visitors parking danger-ously at a sports ground.

The number of spaces at 5's Pavilion and Sports Ground in Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, which opened last year, is set to go up from 30 to 70.

Currently, visitors are having to park on pavements or close to junc-tions because the car park is not big enough to accommodate for facility's visitors, which has sparked anger among residents.

The issue was highlighted in a Chronicle front page article last

Ward councillor Alan Pearson said ward councillor Main reason said this week: "Money is short but I am glad the district council is set on spending the money on this, and in fact it will need more put towards it.
"It is a fantastic venue but the only

down side is that it is so well used that it cannot support the parking, and it is causing problems with nearby residents which is an issue.

"Having all the cars parked on the road is dangerous, and does not look right anyway, so hopefully this can

The £1.3 million football pitch and community centre was built on the site of the former West Cannock Sports and Social Club and was officially an cially opened by Wolves legend Steve Bull in March last year.

116 homes given go-ahead at last

PLANS for 116 homes in Bridgtown have been given the green light by councillors, three years after they were first mooted.

Cannock Chase Council's planning committee approved the plans for the former Parker Hannifin site in Walkrejected because developers Schroder Property submitted plans for 93 homes and claimed it was too expensive to deliver any affordable housing.
Ward councillor Maureen Freeman

said: "I think it is wonderful news. It has been a long time coming.

"The problem was that there was not enough affordable houses so in my point of view it can only be a good thing. Bridgtown is growing in terms of houses which is really great."

Spring craft fair

A SPRING craft fair will be held at St Peter's Church in Hednesford on Saturday, April 21 from 10am until 1pm. Stalls include jewellery and home-made handicrafts. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

Don't waste chance to lead a Good Life NEWS IN BRIEF

Good Life. Part of their dream of living sustainably

was growing and producing all their own food.

Even though we have such busy lives and can't do this, there are many ways we can eat better quality food and consider the environment, with all that we buy. First and foremost, buy what you need, con-sider how much food you need and the use-by date

of what you are buying.
Research by the Waste Resource Action Programme (WRAP) using information from 2015 shows that the average person throws away 69.4kg of avoidable food waste per year and this is increasing at five per cent every year.
This equates to about £700 per family. Food waste

In his latest Green Living column, PAUL WOODHEAD looks at the food industry's impact on the environment

can be avoided significantly with meal planning for a week at a time. Also bear in mind that a use-by date does not always mean the food is spoiled, check it and use your judgment and common sense

Reducing this avoidable food waste can be further improved by making meals from leftovers and pantry/fridge stock items.

Food miles from field to fork is important, and knowing where your food comes from can help re-duce the carbon footprint of your meals. This is often best known through your smaller, local shops

you buy. You will also be supporting your local economy as 63p in every pound will stay local as opposed to 10p with a multinational business.

Choosing seasonal fruit and vegetables and even

going along to pick your own will help connect you to where and how your food is produced and, if you can, grow your own. Tomato seeds or plants are a great way to start.

The amount of chemicals and antibiotics in our

food is a constant concern for us all as we build up resistance to antibiotic drugs and evidence emerges of the impact of pesticides on our health as well as the environment. Choosing organic produce will make a difference

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heart

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But the youngster, from

Two held over 'shots from car'

TWO men have been arrested in connection with a firearms incident in Cannock.

Police received a call just after 3.30pm on Tuesday last week report-ing that a gun had been fired from a car towards another vehicle in Rowley Close. No-one was injured, and both vehicles left the scene.

A car believed to have been involved in the incident was stopped in Bur-ton-upon-Trent at 1.15pm the followton-upon-trent at 1.13pm the follow-ing day and the two occupants were arrested on suspicion of attempted murder.

The two men are aged 28 and 26 and are from the Walsall area.

Wildlife trust bags £4,000 for project

A WILDLIFE trust has bagged £4,000 from Tesco's Bags of Help community grant scheme.
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust was

handed the money after shoppers at Tesco in Rugeley voted for the charity. Last year, a series of wildfires damaged 13 hectares of heathland at the

trust's Gentleshaw Common.

Work will now begin on restoring the damaged areas and bringing the project to life.

Tesco's Bags of Help is run in part-nership with environmental charity Groundwork.

Market specially for youngsters

A MARKET specially set up for children is coming to Penkridge this weekend.

Penkridge Market's children's market was first held a year ago and proved such a success it has become a twice-yearly event – with the next one on Sunday from 10am to 3pm.

Stalls include clothing and toys, and there will also be activities and crafts for the youngsters.

"The new children's market is an event entirely dedicated to children."

said organiser Kate Kingsley. Call 01785 714221 for details.

Cafe is an attraction at church's mini-market

A MINI-MARKET is being held at St Stephen's Church in Bideford Way, Cannock, on Saturday between 9.30 and 11.15am.

There will be a variety of attractions including stalls selling toys, books, gifts, jigsaws, clothes and cakes. A cafe will also be serving homemade cakes.

Admission is free and everybody is welcome. Organisers say visitors can also take time in the church for some quiet reflection. Call 01543 462283.

Power station's last stand is about to end

WORK to demolish Rugeley Power Station is set to begin next month.

Contractors are poised to move in to begin the job of flattening the power station which has overlooked the town for decades – paving the way for a major redevelopment of the site.

Plans for hundreds of homes and a hi-tech business centre – dubbed Europe's Silicon Val-ley – have been lined up for the site once the power station is cleared.

An application to start demolition work in May has been lodged with planning bosses. The iconic towers are expected to be among the last

parts of the station to be knocked down.
Council chiefs have been eager for the power station to be bulldozed as soon as possible in order to free up the 374-acre plot for homes and

Around 1,800 homes have been earmarked

Around 1,800 homes have been earmarked for the land, while 4,500 jobs could be created as part of plans for a major technology centre. Lichfield District Council leader Councillor Mike Wilcox said: "We are working with Cannock to try and get the site moved as quickly as possible.

Derelict

"It is a site that has been disused, and we want to try and make good use of it. We are looking to build houses there and the Government will probably want to build more on

"Rather than having a derelict site, we will have housing, and we are working collectively with Cannock Chase Council to deliver that.

"We want to try and create jobs, and for peo-ple who take those jobs to live locally to where they work which is great for the economy and

they work which is great for the content, and the environment."

Councillor Wilcox said it would be the end of an era for Rugeley when the power station synonymous with the town finally disappears

com view.

He said: "It has been on the landscape, for many of us, all our lives. I'm sure it will be tinged with sadness when it eventually gets demolished. But it doesn't serve a purpose anymore and what is important is providing home so young people can get on the housing ladder.



Melanie Cresswell and partner Dan Leese with their baby Jacob



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COUNTY NEWS

Crafty folk get festival invite

DATES has been announced for this year's Cradley Heath Arts Festival -from June 3 through to June 9.

Organisers are callingsfor artists, performers and craftsmen to exhibit their work and share their skills in

their work and share their skills in workshops.

Before then, an open exhibition wil start at The Art Yard on Reddal Hill Road, Cradley Heath. from May 28 to June 23. Any special works made during the exhibition will be shown in another exhibition from June 25 to 30 For more information, call Martyn on 07954 306223, email martynharris@gmail.com or call Fran on 07952 563725 by May 25.

11pc in region are planning business

MORE than one in 10 people in the West Midlands have plans to open a small business according to a survey by Axa Business Insurance.

The 11 per cent for the region compares to 13 per cent nationally which Axa says amounts to seven million latent entrepreneurs, who have advanced plane for a business but are

vanced plans for a business but are being held back from launching. The national survey of 8,500 saw 19 per cent in London say they have plans for a business.

The biggest untapped source of business activity is among the under 25's, where 27 per cent have a business idea and wish to start it.

Charity honoured for its team spirit

MIDLANDS Air Ambulance has won an award demonstrating its commit-ment to investing in local people. The Investors in People and Investors in Volunteers accolade was handed out at a recent review at the charity's headquarters in Stourbridge, and the West Bromwich charity shop.

Employees and volunteers were overwhelmingly positive about their experiences with Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, and the reports noted a clear team spirit and enthusiasm.

Young chefs told to give peas a chance

YOUNG chefs in the Midlands are being invited to enter their recipe creations for the chance to be crowned

Young Pea Chef of the Year.
Run by the Yes Peas! campaign and
the Ocado Foundation, three winners will receive £500 towards a grow-your-own school project and there's a top prize of a personalised cooking hamper worth £50. Log on at https:// youngpeachef.co.uk/ for details.

Special funds delivery by Amazon staff

The online giant's Rugeley ware-house has donated £6,000 to the chemotherapy department at Bir-mingham's Heartlands Hospital, where a worker was treated for leu-

The team were keen to show their gratitude to staff at the hospital for their efforts in treating Daniel Ema-

nuel Bodgan after he was diagnosed. Workers rose to the challenge after Amazon promised to donate $\pounds 1$ for every origami star they made. They made 3,000 stars. Another £634 was raised through a bake sale.

Nathan Fetherston, general manager at the Rugeley warehouse, said: "Amazon was so overwhelmed by the team's outpouring of support for Daniel that we decided to top up the dona-

tion, bringing the total funds raised to £6,000. We wanted to show Daniel that he is not alone because he has an entire team of people at Amazon supporting him through this difficult

The cash has been donated to Ward 19 at Heartlands, which treats thousands of patients every year, and will fund a chemotherapy chair to

at Solihull Hospital. The new centre will have up to 31 new chemotherapy spaces and will increase the number patients that can be seen by over 170 per cent.

Kathy Holder, senior sister on Ward 19, said: "It is donations such as this that enable us to continue providing our community with the absolute will fund a chemotherapy chair to best medical care and patient support be housed at the new cancer centre as they fight their battle with cancer."

Terriers in spotlight at national competition

TERRIERS of all shapes and sizes descended on Stafford for the 101st anniversary of a prestigious show.

Hundreds of dog owners took their beloved pets to compete to be top dog at the National Terrier Show at Stoffondships Courts St. Staffordshire County Showground on Saturday.

Saturday.

It is the only dog competition in the calendar dedicated to terriers, and pampered pets competed for a variety of awards, judged by a panel.

National Terrier Show secretary

Stuart Plane, aged 64, from County Durham, said: "It was very successful. "Around 1,400 dogs were entered to compete on the day which is a bigger

compete on the day which is a bigger number than last year.

"We are very pleased because ter-riers are not the most popular group.

"We want to thank all the judges, the committee and all the people who helped to make the day so successful."

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A Kerry blue terrier took home the prize for Best in Show, while Best Puppy in Show went to a Jack Russell.

This year follows on from the club celebrating its 100th year last year when Dr Desiree Scott, an archivist with the Kennel Club, donated scrolls to the label. to the club.

Thousands of dogs will descend on Stafford next month for the popu-

on Stafford next month for the popular Birmingham National Championship Dog Show.

The show will see more than 200 breeds and their owners from all over the UK make a bid to qualify for the world's biggest dog show, Crufts, taking place in March next year.

The championship takes place at

The championship takes place at Staffordshire County Showground between May 10 and 13.

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Alice in wonderland with medals success **By Jamie Brassington** WALSALL'S Alice Kinsella capped off her maiden Commonwealth Games with a complete set of medals - and then planned spending the next 24 hours scoffing her face to celebrate! The 17-year-old from Park Wrekin Gymnastics Club was part of the Eng-land team that won team silver on Fri-day before adding all-around bronze

Alice Kinsella performs the balance beam routine that won her a gold medal in Australia on Monday

Gold Coast 2018

"Tokyo (2020 Olympics) is my main goal, that is all I am thinking about right now. In terms of the rest – we don't know right now." The competition in the all-round

final was extremely close throughout with barely a point splitting the top six gymnasts going to floor, the final apparatus. Alice is the sister of Walsall FC de-

on Saturday.

And she topped that on Monday with gold in the beam to complete a dream journey Down Under, with Alice in the mood to celebrate. "It was a great feeling to get that gold, I was over the moon – I am still speechless and don't really know what to say.

"It has been hard but I am just going to go beek now and eat as much

going to go back now and eat as much going to go back now and eat as much as I can. Pizza and brownies will be the best, it has been so hard to resist, but I can go out and eat them now. I will probably only get a day to do it so I need to make the most of it.

Enjoyed

fender Liam Kinsella, who hailed her efforts after she struck gold.

emorts after sine struck gold. He took to Twitter, saying: "Definition of hard work pays off." In the team event, England came second place with 162.650 points – closely behind Canada on 163.075 – after impressing judges following their performances over four circuits which were the vault, uneven bars, beam and

floor. The national team has enjoyed a promising start to the games on Aus-

promising start to the games on Australia's Gold Coast and on Monday they were sitting in second place in the medals table behind the hosts.

Uttoxeter's Adam Peaty however, became the latest English big name to flop at the games when he was beaten by South Africa's Cameron van der Burgh in the 50 metres breeststrake

by South Africa's Cameron van der Burgh in the 50 metres breaststroke. Max Whitlock and the Brownlee brothers are among the stars who have so far failed to live up to the hype and been beaten in their gymnastics and triathlon disciplines respectively. Describing the race as "one of the worst feeling races I've aver done"

worst feeling races I've ever done",

Peaty added: "It gives me a reality check. Even if you're the best in the world, world record holder, you can still be beaten. I think that's the most valuable lesson from today."

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The 23-year-old had produced an outstanding time of 58.59 seconds for the 100 metres, which set a new Commonwealth Games record and helped to book his place in the final on Saturday.

After the races, he said: "This

morning was a bit rough for me, but you don't always get it your way. "I want to defend my titles for four years and that's what I've come here to do. I haven't come here to go really,

really fast because that's just not in our plan. I want to peak in worlds, I want to peak in Olympics. This is the kind of year where I turn up, defend those titles and go home. And enjoy the process."

Peaty currently holds the Olympic and world record in the 100m breast-stroke, which he set in the 2016 Olympics final with a time of 57.13 seconds.

Peaty's record breaking success follows that of Helen Scott MBE in cycling on Thursday. Scott, who is a member of Halesowen Athletics & Cvcling Club, won the women's visually impaired sprint in cycling alongside teammate Sophie Thornhill.

Fashion show to help pay for op

A CHARITY fashion show and shopping event is being held by Rugeley & District Lions Club this summer.

District Lions Cuto this summer.

Proceeds will be donated to Max's Mission to Move, which is raising funds to help pay for life-changing surgery for a five-year old Rugeley boy who has quadriplegic spastic cerebral

Clothes will be available for sale with up to 75 per cent off top-name brands.

The event will be held at St Joseph's Community Centre in Rugeley on June 13. Tickets are £5 each.

For further details about the show and to order tickets, call Lions mem-ber Deb Coburn on 07970 380746 or email randdlions@hotmail.com

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RIDERS taking part in the Bike4Life event on Sunday, April 22 will be able to use the M6 Toll for free.

About 3,500 motorcyclists are due to cover the 23-mile route, starting in Shrewsbury and ending at RAF Cos-ford, raising funds for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity in the process. M6 Toll director James Hodson

aid: "Midlands Air Ambulance Charity is responsible for amazing life-sav-ing work that takes place across the Midlands. We have a great relation-

ship with the charity, and will always look to support them where possible."

Last year's event raised £73,800 for the charity. Call 0800 840 2040.

Golf day in aid of two charities

A CHARITY golf day and dinner dance in Huntington will raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and the Cystic Fibrosis Holiday Fund.
Natasha Robinson, one of the organisers, said: "These two charities mean a lot to our family because they have

a lot to our family because they have helped us a lot in the last few years. "We have three children, our daugh-ter is 12 then two boys, aged 10 and six, they both have cystic fibrosis." The event is being held at The Chase Golf, Health Club & Spa in Pot-tal Pool Road on Friday, July 20.

Email rrcffighters@gmail.com

Pc pleads guilty to computer offences

A SERVING Staffordshire Police of-

A SERVING Stationarine Fonce of the conference has pleaded guilty to six offences under the Computer Misuse Act.

Her appearance at Birmingham Magistrates Court on Thursday followed an investigation into allegations of breaches of the Data Protection Act by the force's performance and standby the force's performance and standards unit. The hearing was adjourned for sentencing at Birmingham Magis-trates Court on April 23.

Pc Michelle Denne, aged 44, who is based at Cannock, was investigated following a complaint, and is cur-rently suspended from duty.

Arriva reduces season ticket prices on route

ARRIVA has reduced the price of its season tickets on the No 70 Cannock-Wolverhampton bus service

Weekly tickets have dropped from £25 to £20 and four-weekly tickets from £80 to £65. Meanwhile, the shorthop single fare between Cannock and Longford Estate will be reduced to £1. The offer lasts until June 2

For more information, either down load the free Arriva Bus App or visit www.arrivabus.co.uk/midlands

Seven held on cylinder thefts at

SEVEN people have been arrested following a spate of thefts of nitrous oxide cylinders from Staffordshire hospitals.

hospitals

It follows an attempted burglary at Cannock Hospital at 1.30am on Fri-

A 47-year-old woman and six mer A 47-year-old woman and six men between the ages of 20 and 39, all from Norwich, were arrested on suspicion of burglary when they were travelling in three vehicles in the Winson Green area of Birmingham.

Chief Inspector Sarah Wainwright, Commander for the Cannock Chase District local policing team, said: "These arrests are a result of shared intelligence and collaborative working between Staffordshire Police and our

between Staffordshire Police and our colleagues at West Midlands Police, Norfolk Constabulary and the Central

Motorway Police Group.
"We will continue to work alongside them as our investigation continues."

Staffordshire Police have been investigating the theft of such cylinders after a series of incidents. Three men forced entry into a storage room at Cannock Chase Hospital and stole 13 bottles of nitrous oxide at around 1.15am on March 31.

A few days later on Wednesday, someone forced entry into the storage room at Stafford's County Hospital and stole two gas cylinders. It fol-lowed another attempted burglary at around 12.30am the same day

Expansion move at training firm

A TRAINING firm based in Burntwood is expanding its health and so-

cial care apprenticeship programmes.

BB Training Academy said the move would help ease pressures facing

the care industry.

The National Audit Office has raised concerns around staffing levels, citing poor career progression and development as one of the reasons em-

development as one of the reasons employees opt to leave the industry.
Fay Gibbin, chief executive of BB Training Academy, said she was keen to expand after 15 years in the childcare and catering business.
The courses include Level 2 Adult Care Worker, Intermediate Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker and Level 5 higher apprenticeship in Care Leadership and Management.

Bound for Baslow

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sunday is a 10-mile moderate/strenuous walk from Baslow, Derbyshire, meet-ing at Hednesford railway station car park for an 8.30am prompt departure. Call 01543 571428 for further details.

Fordshire pitmen tunnelled under No Man's Land to destroy German trenches is about to tour the county.

It follows the staging of The Tunnellers by Hednesford-based Tower Players in 2016. Written by local author Tom All-

written by local author from Ansopp, the play received considerable critical acclaim and, as a result, the group made a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to create a touring exhibition about the incredible the play of the play the play the play of bly brave men who risked their lives underground in the First World War.

exhibition will tell their story with displays, a video presentation and a live drama performance at each of the

Additionally a new book by Dennis Jackson and Paul Bedford will be on sale which will tell the story in eater detail.

The exhibition, which will be free to enter, will begin its run at Rugeley

Library from April 16 until June 14.

The live play performances will take place on Saturday, April 21 at 2pm and 3pm. The exhibition tour

June 4 to July 23, Tamworth Library – play performances on Saturday, June 9 at 2pm and 3pm.

July 23 to September 10, Burton Library – play performances on Sat-urday, July 28 at 2pm and 3pm.

September 10 to October 22, The otteries Museum and Art Gallery,

Stoke – play performances on September 15 at 2pm and 3pm.
October 22 to December 15, Museum of Cannock Chase, Hednesford - play on October 27 at 2pm and 3pm

Cuts blamed for drugs death rate in district

THE Cannock Chase district has the third highest death rates for heroin and morphine in the Midlands - worse than in Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

The tour will include live performances

The borough had eight deaths linked to the two drugs in two years - 2.7 per

to the two drugs in two years – 2.7 per 100,000 of the population.
Only Stoke and Newcastle-under-Lyme had higher rates in the Midlands, 4.4 and 2.9 per 100,000 of the population respectively.
Elsewhere in Staffordshire, Stafford had seven deaths during 2014-16 –1.8 per 100,000 of the population. South Staffordshire had one death death

Councillor George Adamson, leader of Can-nock Chase Council, blamed almost £4 million of cuts made to drug and alcohol services by the

county council last year.

He said: "It is a problem in the Cannock area, and I'm afraid funding has been cut by the county council.

Priority

"These are eight deaths which could have been avoided, that's eight people and eight be-reaved families. We will continue to put pres-

reaved families. We will continue to put pressure on the county council to get funding back to help these people, because the key is providing assistance early before it gets too late."

County council cabinet member for health Councillor Alan White said: "We put £5.7 million into drug and alcohol services across Staffordshire. We regard drug and alcohol problems as a priority and we do what we can to help users. Every death is a tragedy. We invest as much as we can."

Two years ago Addiction Dependency Solu-

Two years ago Addiction Dependency Solu-tions (ADS) had to drop plans for a recovery hub at the former post office in Cannock town centre. Today, the group works alongside One Recovery at support centres for alcohol and drug users at bases in Cannock and Stafford.

The rate of deaths from heroin and morphine in Birmingham where, although there were 154 deaths, was 1.8 per 100,000 of the population. In Wolverhampton, where there were 11

Pupils impress in a Day of Song



Collective choristers – The Hart School Senior Singers rehearsing with vocal coach Charles MacDougall. The singers are Hannah Haynes, Madison Perrin, Abbie Holloway, Tiegan Flint, Elle Mae Taundry, Ellie Laird, Ellie Holloway, Zoe Bilson, Anya Tregay and Lewis Kent

STUDENTS from Staffordshire were in the spotlight to show-case their vocal skills after being coached by an acclaimed tenor.

High school pupils from Rugeley and Stoke-on-Trent took to the stage to show off their impressive singing in a concert which was the climax of a two-year project. The Day of Song saw young peo-

ple from The Hart School, Rugeley, sing alongside their peers at Thistley Hough, Stoke. Both academies are part of Cre-

ative Education Trust and the choral project has seen teachers and students coached by Charles MacDougall in conducting, repergrammes for Creative Education Trust, a charity and multi-acad-emy trust, said: "The Hart School Senior Singers' polished rendition of The Lake Isle of Innisfree; Eleanor Dayley's challenging setting of a poem by WB Yeats; and their two solo singing ambassadors, Abbie and Ellie Holloway, added a thrilling virtuosity to the event."

toire and vocal technique.

Emily Campbell, director of prodeaths, the rate was 1.4. **ORANGERIES** BRIGHTEN UP YOUR HOME NEW! & BI-FOLDS 食 FLUSH 食 CASEMENT **GUARDIAN** WINDOWS **ROOFS** SHOWROOM OPEN NOW WWW.UNISEAL-UK.CO.UK **BUY NOW** COMPOSITE PAY LATER TRIPLE GLAZED WINDOWS **DOORS LAST CHANCE!** CALL FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE VALID ON ALL ORDERS PLACED Checkatrade.com IN APRIL* UNISEAL UK LTD

IN MY VIEW with Mark Andrews

Date at the dentist's? Google can fill in gaps

WHERE were you between 4pm and 5pm on November 1 last year? Most of us would probably struggle to answer that question, unless something memorable happened at that time.

Well I've just discovered I was at the dentist. Which in itself is not big news, but what is worrying is where I have just got that information from

got that information from.

Now, maybe I'm naive, and I would certainly never profess any expertise in new technology, but it never occurred to me when I got my first smart phone three years ago that the good people at Google would be tracking my movements every minute of the day.

But now, having had my attention drawn to the data file that the technology giant keeps on all of its users, I now know that on November 1, 2017, I arrived at the dentist at 4.09pm, and left 4.51.

Google records also show what time I left for work that morning, what route I took, and what time I arrived. It records that I left work at 3.25pm that day because of my dental appointment, and took a slightly different route back.

And that the return journey was a minute quicker than the one in the morning. Is it just me, or is this a touch sinister?

Let's be a realist. We all know that nobody gives you something for nothing, least of all American internet giants, and I always thought that Mark Zuckenberg was a wrong 'un the moment I saw a picture of him giving an interview in flip-flops. But while most of us knew the likes of Google and Facebook were making money out of us one way or another, did any of us really have any idea of how these companies were stockpiling even the most intimate of personal details in order to build these incredibly detailed profiles of us all?

Our interests, our opinions and atti-

Our interests, our opinions and attitudes, our health and our movements are all analysed in forensic detail, in order to calculate which types of advertising we are most susceptible too.

If the Government tried to monitor us

If the Government tried to monitor us in this way there would be a revolution. Yet unelected, unaccountable tech giants have been doing it for years without us knowing.

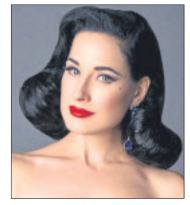
Maybe it's closing the door after the horse has bolted, but perhaps the answer is we should all put entirely spurious and inaccurate information on social media.

But one other question. How come car security companies are still charging £400 to fit a tracker, and £150 a year to monitor it, when Google has been doing it for nothing all the time?

In crises never rush ahead of what evidence tells you



Esther McVey – calling for more kids to do part-time jobs



Dita Von Teese – reveals how hard it is to keep her much-scrutinised skin so pale



Yulia Skripal – the daughter of former Russian double agent Sergei Skripal

Nerve agent case: Lessons to learn

AS the Salisbury nerve-agent incident develops, lessons will be learned. The most important point, wisely made from the outset by Jeremy Corbyn, is that in crises such as this you should never rush ahead of what the evidence is telling you. Theresa May was far too hasty to blame the Russian state. Boris Johnson was irresponsible in pinning it on Putin. Can anyone else see this ending with an apology?

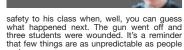
WE might also ask where the Daily Star got its theory that Mr Skripal and his daughter "could have been sprayed with the nerve agent from a remote-controlled drone hovering above them as they sat on a bench in Salisbury." This Mission Impossible yarn was attributed to "intelligence sources." Yeah, right.

DITA Von Teese, the doyenne of burlesque performers, has marked her 45th birthday by revealing to the Guardian how hard it is to keep her much-scrutinised skin so pale, living in sunny Los Angeles. A reader responded thus: "Seems like a nice lass. If she really wants to stay pale she should come live with me in east

AND talking of dressing up. There is a certain irony in Eddie Izzard being appointed to Labour's national executive as a direct result of the anti-semitism row. While right-on liberals admire Izzard's endless charity work and unwavering commitment to the EU, and smile indulgently at his fondness for frocks and lipstick, did anyone think to ask conservative Jews and Muslims what their religions say about cross-dressing? Thought not

A CALIFORNIAN teacher who also serves as a reserve police officer was demonstrating gun

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



FOLLOWING this incident a reader, worried by plans to arm US teachers, wonders how long it will be before a maniac deliberately targets a fully-armed school to see how many teachers he can kill before they kill him – a variation on the "suicide by cop" madness.

BUT I suspect the first death-by-teacher killing will be less dramatic. There's nothing like a handgun on your hip for escalating a trivial argument to homicide. Be prepared for a US teacher killing another teacher in a staff-room dispute over who washes the coffee mugs or who's been dallying with whom in the stockroom.

FOR a moment, let's overlook the offence caused to Jews by Jeremy Corbyn choosing to meet one of the very few Jewish organisations that other Jews find repellent. What about the offence Christians might feel at Corbyn mixing with a group whose name sounds the same as the most despised character in the Easter story - Jewdas? It is as crass as dropping in for a snack at the Haddolf Hyttler Bavarian Deli. Corbyn always comes up with some wide-eyed, plausible excuse but why does he keep putting himself in such awkward positions? For his advisers it must be like trying to teach a simple

lesson to a particularly truculent child, over and over again. Lest we forget, in a throwaway remark last year, Corbyn said: "I don't consider myself the world's greatest intellectual."

STRANGE how many memories have been stirred by the Work and Pensions Secretary Esther McVey calling for more kids to do partitime jobs. My first Saturday job was for a couple of workaholic butchers who slogged from 5am to 6pm and made a fortune in the process. They were a hard-bitten pair. Both had served in the infantry during the war and seen all the inhumanity that man could inflict on man. They swore endlessly, insulted the customers and staff alike, and routinely denounced me as an idle little arse. And yet one Saturday morning I saw these hard nuts weeping like babies in the shop as the news came of a terrible accident at a place called Aberfan. You never forget the first time you see men cry.

ONE of the things the ever-whingeing millennial generation fails to grasp is how hard-up we babyboomers were in years gone by. Everything you needed in life, from food and clothes to washing machines and lawnmowers, was cripplingly expensive. We simply did not possess the quantity or quality of things that people take for granted today. Which is why the final scene in the revived Generation Game (BBC) was a pale imitation of the 1970s original. Back then, people really wanted those prizes. Today, as the contestants acquired their items, you couldn't help feeling that the canteen of cutlery would go straight in the attic and the telescope would be sold on eBay. In a world glutted with consumer goods, who cares about an extra toaster?

TALKING POINT

Queueing dilemma can lead to a frenzy

IT was the dilemma which has plagued polite society for many a year. On entering the foyer during a recent visit to the theatre, we found ourselves at the end of two queues waiting to clear security or, in reality, convince the staff they had nothing of consequence in their bags.

ing of consequence in their bags. So, it should be a 50-50 choice as to which queue we join . . or is it? Just at the crucial moment, someone who had come in behind us asked if they could proceed down a third channel, which at first glance either led nowhere or wasn't meant for queueing at all

meant for queueing at all.
"Sure," said the door operative, "you can use all three." So off we toddle, trying not to look at the two obedient queues who must be thinking we are VIP guests or have special tickets for the show.

And after carefully looking straight ahead, for fear of incurring the wrath of the two stationary lines, we fast-tracked ourselves into the main body of the theatre and settled into our seats.

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In this case, we made the queueing system work for us, but it's not always like that. Take the bus queue, for instance. Once upon a time, everyone joined the end of the queue.

that. Take the bus queue, for instance. Once upon a time, everyone joined the end of the queue.

These days, it's not so straightforward. With sometimes several services pulling in at one stop, a frenzy can overtake even the most patient types, whose main intention is to get on that bus before it leaves without them. Consequently, you will see a throng hovering around the head of the queue waiting to pounce as soon as their bus comes into sight.

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The one place you can expect to see disciplined queueing is in a bank. Or at least the one I use. Given four machines in a row, customers are content to form just one queue and file off when an ATM becomes available. In fact that particular discipline must be so deeply ingrained in some of us that the American author Bill Bryson once observed it was what set the English apart from many other countries, where a free-for-all mentality reigns or people are expected to "stay in lane" once they have chosen their queue.

While not quite a national obsession

While not quite a national obsession anymore, queueing has given rise to a phrase which we use without thinking. How often, on hearing someone announce their intention to be the next to do something, have you said (or been tempted to say) "Oi, join the queue."

And what of our evening at the thea-

And what of our evening at the theatre? The show ended on a high note, with the audience in equally high spirits, which may explain the rush to leave the building ... to get to the front of the taxi queue,

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Tributes paid after death of respected Cannock MP

former MP and long serving Staffordshire County councillor Gwilym Roberts, who has

died aged 89.

Mr Roberts served as the Labour MP for Cannock from 1974 to 1983, having previously been the MP for South Bedfordshire from 1966 to 1970.

South Bedfordshire from 1966 to 1970. He was the leader of Cannock Chase Council, and represented Brereton and Ravenhill on Staffordshire County Council from 1985 to 1993, and then again between 2001 and 2009. Philip Atkins, the leader of Staffordshire County Council, said: "Gwilym was a well-respected figure in the council chamber, who brought a great deal of knowledge and insight from his swy Welsh unbringing to bear on the deal of knowledge and insight from his own Welsh upbringing to bear on the issues facing the authority. He devoted his life to public service and while strongly representing the people in his division, he worked for the betterment of everyone in the county."

Dedication

Councillor Sue Woodward, the opposition Labour group leader on Stafford-shire County Council, said: "Gwilym was a real battler for this area. "He was always a conscientious MP

"He was always a conscientious MP and councillor who showed great dedication in representing local people.
"These days it is hard to come by public servants of his pedigree. It is a sad loss, but he had a good innings and led a very fruitful and fulfilled life."

Cannock Chase councillor Derek Davis, who served alongside Mr Roberts on the council for 20 years, said: "He had some wonderful attributes and was an excellent constituency MP.
"When he was elected he was like a breath of fresh air. A lot of us thought

breath of fresh air. A lot of us thought the world of him.

"I always remember that although "I always remember that although he spent so much time in Staffordshire, he never got rid of his strong Welsh accent. He will be greatly missed."

Councillor Frank Allen, who represents Cannock North on Cannock Chase Council, said: "It is fair to say that he was the best constituency MP



Hard working – Gwilym Roberts unveiling a bust of NHS founder Aneurin Bevan at Cannock Chase Hospital

that I have ever known. He really took to the role and I can remember seeing him on the Jubilee estate on a Saturhim on the Jubilee estate on a Saturday night visiting constituents to help them with their problems. He was on the ball and really knew what was going on. Gwilym was a first-rate bloke who I can't praise highly enough."

Councillor George Adamson, who represents Hednesford Green Heath and is leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "Although he and his wife came here from Wales, they both really took to the area.

took to the area.
"He was extremely hard working in the constituency and he stayed here when he was no longer an MP which is very unusual as most of them don't hang around when they lose their seat.

'Gwilym was also an active member of the Labour party and put a lot of effort into all of his work as a councillor. I wish there were more like him." Mr Roberts grew up in Wales and was a lecturer in scientific management techniques before entering politics when he was elected as a councillor in Luton in 1965.

He was the MP for Cannock for nine

He was the MP for Cannock for nine years, having taken the seat from the Tories in 1974.

In 1983 boundary changes saw his seat become Cannock and Burntwood. Although Mr Roberts stood for the seat, he lost it in Labour's landslide defeat to the Tories' Gerald Howarth. He tried on his the arms exertit.

He tried again in the same constituency in 1987, but Mr Howarth increased his majority. During his time as a councillor he served as chairman

of the finance committee.

After his time on the council, Mr Roberts remained in the area, living in Rugeley. Mr Roberts died on March 15. He was predeceased by his wife Mair. The pair had no children.



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MANY months ago I had a letter printed extolling the 'feelgood factor' that I as a 'leave' voter in the EU referendum get from giving or withholding my business withholding my business from pro or anti 'leave' indi-viduals or companies. Childish maybe but no

more so than the constant 'remoaning'! Yet it appears many more people are punishing/rewarding in the same way. It surely can be no coincidence that Jamie Oliver announced he was closing six or so of his un-derperforming chain.

Then the owner of Weth-erspoons (Tim Martin) an-

nounced increased half-year profits in the face of his industry underperforming.

It appears many 'leavers' are giving him their trade.

MR TTURNER

Others have It's not too late to put bus services right Knife crime Don't get caught

by Arriva.

Both the county council and Arriva should hang their heads in shame. The company then wonder why should hang their heads in shame. Cannock is a growing town, with housing being built and plans for a designer things. Staffordshire County Council

months.

The company then wonder why

provements as the current offering is

KEVIN CHAPMAN

Chair, West Midlands Campaign for Better Transport

improve the world

THERE are three things I would like to see happening in

The first is that all the female models and actors who claim they have been abused will no longer appear in lowcut, revealing dresses or thigh-revealing skirts. The second is that all promotions or literature requesting charitable donations will include the percentage taken for 'administration' and also the salary of the CEO or chairman.

The third, and most important, is that all drug addicts can receive their drug on prescription from a chemist or doctor (perhaps for a nominal fee) and thus take away the profit motive from 'pushers' and drug barons. C FALCONI

My three wishes to LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I WISH to comment on the fact that over 1,000 people were caught carrying knives or offensive weapons and the excuse they were carrying them for protection (Chronicle, March 22).

If you are out in the evening with your friends or socially at an event you don't carry a knife – they are not for protection or de-

are not for protection or de-fence against attack.

If you have a knife there is a chance you will use it. So others carry knives and then we have deaths.

then we have deaths.

Knife crime is a coward's way of doing things and is awful; people can be disfigured or murdered.

It might sound harsh but any parent that lets a child or loved one out carrying a knife is as much to blame.

knife is as much to blame
NEIL DELANTY

EASTER Sunday was a black day for bus passengers in the Cannock area, as tract new visitors. It should be prime the town lost all of its Sunday services. Not just the subsidised ones supported by Staffordshire County Council, but the commercial routes operated by Arriva. The service offered in the town has operation is part of their plans; if so they need to make dramatic improvements as the aurent offering in Townment's as the aurent offering in Townment of £50.

Way to act

I HAD a fine from a Parking Eye car park; my son had used my car and two months later I received the fine.

The letter I received was asking for a payment of £50 and if not received in time it would double to £100. If not paid

if not received in time it would double to £100. If not paid then I would be taken to court.

Thankfully my son had purchased the ticket via his mobile phone and still had the picture on his phone.

I appealed the fine and a month later received an email saying my fine was cancelled. These fines are causing huge stress on hundreds of people. Please if anyone uses these car parks, pay by your phone or if you pay in cash, keep your ticket very safe, just in case. Also be aware, as some don't have ticket machines, just a certain time allowance. HELEN ADDISS

Get tough on dog owners

ing to keep dogs on leads around livestock after attacks on sheep and lambs (Chronicle, March 29). Time for the law to get tough with these idiot owners. If they are caught, the dogs should be taken from them and banned from owning another. Then give them a huge fine and make them pay compensation to the owners of the sheep.

TOM RUSHTON

Hednesford

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Express & Star Final whistle

THE Society welcomed back Steve Booth in March this Steve Booth in March, this time for a talk about chimney sweeps' climbing boys, in particular in Stafford-shire and the part played by Francis Wedgwood and others in ending the abuse.

He told of horrific tales of hors, extinct tunned in

of boys getting trapped in chimneys and perishing. This resulted in attempts being made to restrict the use of climbing boys after 1788 and laws were passed in 1819, 1834, 1842 which

had little effect.
In 1854 the Earl of Shaft-esbury persuaded Parliaesoury persuaded Parliament to pass a law fining any 'Master Sweep' a maximum of £10 for knowingly allowing anyone under 21 to assist in the business of chimney sweeping. In North Staffordshire the Han-ley and Shelton Chimney Sweeping Association was formed in 1855, to regulate the workings of the new law. At their first meeting they elected Francis Wedgwood, the grandson of Josiah I, as their chairman. Together with other members he was determined to eradicate the abuse of using climbing

boys.

It was largely due to the Association's efforts that the Earl of Shaftesbury was finally able to eradicate the abuse within the following

15 years.
The April meeting will take the form of a members' evening where volunteers will each give a 10-minute talk on a subject of their

Sweeping in Seventh heaven as boys theme clubs join together



Rotarians gather for the seven-club joint meeting in Cannock

MORE than 80 Rotarians from around the district attended a joint meeting at the Barns in Cannock, organised by Cannock club president Cliff Shore. The joint meeting of The Rotary Clubs from Brewood, Brownhills, Burntwood, Cannock, Penkridge, Rugeley and Walsall, was for many years an annual event and was one of Cliff's aims at the start of his year as president to re-establish the seven-club annual meeting, enabling Rotarians and Cannock Club of Cannock club of the Cannock club of en-club annual meeting, enabling Rotarians from the area to share ideas and join together in fellowship.

Cliff opened the meeting and announced

with deep regret that Rotarian David Linford had passed away. He had been a mem-

ber of the Cannock club for 55 years and

The meeting was also an opportunity to celebrate with members of The Rotary Club of Penkridge who received a certificate from District Governor Carol Reilly to mark the anniversary of the club's 40th Charter.

After the meal and presentations past After the meal and presentations past. District Governor Barry Picken told the fascinating story of the tradition of wearing poppies on Remembrance Sunday and of the grave of the 'Unknown Warrior'.

Tipping one's hat to 70 years

THE WI first met in Hill Ridware in February 1918 and the ladies of The Rid-wares WI came together for their February meeting to celebrate 70 years of friendship and community.

In keeping with those by-

priate as the speaker that month was wedding planner Jane Dayus-Hinch.

Despite the snow the Welsh Tea went ahead and everyone had a pleasant af-ternoon. A St George's Day

Tea will be held 3pm-5pm, April 26, at the village hall. The next meeting of The Ridwares WI will be on April 17 when the subject is 'Barking Mad' addressed by Chrissy Whereat.

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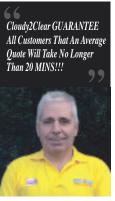
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Family values — search is on for RAF relatives

A SEARCH is under way for relatives of Second World War airmen who are buried in Cannock Cemetery.

The Cannock Chase branch of the Royal Air Forces Association wants to track down family members as part of the 100th anniver-

bers as part of the 100th anniversary of the RAF.

Branch chairman Brian Gamble said: "A number of the graves have been regularly maintained by families for over seven decades after the conflict ended. We regard them as part of the RAF family for which we provide friendship, help and support."

The youngest RAF casualty buried in Cannock Cemetery is Sergeant Francis Edward Martin, a wireless operator/air gunner, who died in 1941

operator/air gunner, who died in 1941 aged 19 when his Manchester bomber crashed into a Hawker Hurricane fighter while on a training exercise.

Damaged

He was the youngest of seven crew members who were killed. Also buried at the site is air gunner Sgt Sidney Pharies Mansfield, whose aircraft was damaged by flak over Ger-

many.

The crippled plane struggled back The crippled plane struggled back to base, only to crash on landing and burst into flames, killing the crew. Sgt Mansfield was 20.

Warrant Officer John Benjamin Burrows, from the Royal Australian Air Force, is also buried at Cannock. He died aged 21 in 1943 after his plane was hit while dropping propaganda leaflets over Germany.

Few details are known of the other wartime casualties buried at the cemetery. They include Sgt. Gordon Stefery.

etery. They include Sgt Gordon Ste-phenson Bradbury, who died in 1941. There are also the post-war military



At the grave of Sidney Mansfield, who died aged 20, is his sister Evelyr Snape and Val Loughrey, the Cannock branch vice-chairman of RAFA

graves of Sgt D C King, who died in 1954 aged 41, Aircraftsman 2nd Class H D Watts, who died in 1956 aged 22, and Aircraftsman 1st Class Eric Appleyard, who died aged 31 in 1947.

Lawrence McGowan from the branch said: "Our motto is friendship, the word of the graves and something special to remembranch said: "Our motto is friendship."

The branch has also pledged to care the graves currently unattended.

help and support – they (the relatives) are all part of the family."

He added: "Our vice-chairman is in

for the graves currently unattended. Graves that need repairs have been reported to the War Graves Commission.



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A passer-by called the RSPCA after spotting the stag stuck fast in a fence near Kingswood Lakeside in Cannock

A STAG which became caught up in a fence after it had already tangled its antlers in netting was released back to the wild thanks to the RSPCA.

After several sightings of the stag with a large amount of netting stuck in its antlers, a passer-by spotted the creature stuck fast in a fence near Kingswood Lakeside in Cannock, and called the RSPCA for help.

Animal collection officer Catherine Strawford arrived to help, but once she saw the large male red deer struggling

and panicking, she knew she would need assistance. "We had no choice but to sedate the stag so we could safely help him," she said. "The netting was still severely tangled in his enormous antlers. We tried to cut them free but just

couldn't and so his antiers were carefully removed.

"The stag would have shed his antiers at this time of year anyway and they were removed as a last resort to save his life. It was a lovely sight to watch him slowly come round from the sedative and go leaping off into the countryside."

appeal

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world of opportunity for personal and professional advancement," Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling said.

"By signing up to be a Special you also become part of the local police force that help keep our local commu-

PEOPLE in the Cannock completed their training, Special Connities safe, fight crime and protect the mules sate, ignt crime and protect me public." Councillor Bryan Jones, who represents Hednesford & Rawnsley and is a former police officer, said: 'I can say from experience that Special Constables make a huge contribution

to the local police force.
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IT was love at first 'sit' for a couple who have celebrated their diamond wedding.

Betty and Terrance Walker's romance started on the day they met, when she ended up on his lap as the music stopped and they ran to grab a seat at Brownhills Memorial Hall in a game of musical chairs. musical chairs.

Love blossomed, and now, both aged 81 and living in Burntwood, they celebrated 60 years of marriage on March 29.

March 29.

Terry grew up in Bilston before moving with his family to his grandmother's at Muckley Corner. Betty grew up in Norton Canes. They got married at St James Church, in Brownhills.

Terry was an apprentice at Rubery Owen and an electrician at Walsall Wood Colliery before becoming an electrical engineering lec-turer at Walsall College for 30 years.

Meanwhile, Betty worked as a secretary and they both retired in their 60s.



Happy days - Terence, 81, and Betty Walker, also 81, with a picture of the couple on their wedding day

Love at first sit for dancing pair Cathy's final wish is Cathy's final wish is Cathy's final wish is honoured by friends

who died after battling cancer have honoured her last wish to raise funds for the hospice that cared for her.

hospice that cared for her.

Cathy Ashley worked as a claims adviser at DX Delivery Services for 15 years before losing her battle with the disease in December 2017, aged 54.

Before she died, Cathy asked her colleague and friend of more than 30 years, Melanie Bowring, to help raise money for Compton Hospice, who looked after the mother-of-one from Penkridge during her illness.

"They did a fantastic job and she said 'I want to give something back'," said Melanie. A fundraising target of

said Melanie. A fundraising target of £500 was initially set.

However, thanks to the efforts of DX staff nationwide and the Rick Dubida



Partner Rob holds a picture of Cathy

Blackbelt Academy, where Cathy's grandson Javden attends, a total of £3,000 has been raised. "We smashed that target," said Melanie

The fundraising activities included a

24-hour 'kickathon' at Jayden's kickboxing club, as well as a raffle among DX staff from all over the country.

Melanie added: "Cathy was one in a million – she would do anything for you. Nothing was ever too much for her. Everybody loved her.
"Everybody loved her.
"Everybody and to gether the team has raised an amazing £3,000 in her memory for Compton Hospice."

On Thursday, staff from the Wolverhampton hospice visited DX's delivery office in Willenhall to receive the cheque from Melanie.
"Cathy was a caring, conscientious "Cathy was a caring, conscientious"

"Cathy was a caring, conscientious and hard-working member of the DX team and her passion for life delighted and inspired her colleagues," Melanie

Cathy is survived by her partner of 14 years, Rob Parker, and her daughter, Lauren, and two grandchildren.

Colleges combine resources

WALSALL College and Walsall Adult and Commu-nity College (WACC) have

merged.
The delivery of WACC courses will continue as per current arrangements, but it will become part of Wal-

sall College.
The college says the move will provide enhanced edu-cation and training opportunities to students, residents and businesses in Walsall and the West Midlands.

The decision to merge was ratified at a Walsall College board meeting on March 15 following a period of consultation and the completion of the due diligence process.

Jatinder Sharma, prin-Jatinder Sharma, principal and chief executive of Walsall College, said: "This is an exciting development."
The merger came into effect on April 1.

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Pre-party to kick off festival

PEOPLE can get ready for the Staffs Fest music weekend with a pre-event party being held for the first time.

Stafford FM and Staffs Fest are hosting the party on Saturday when The Shine from Penkridge will be performing as the bead line at the The Perthers well do not also as the staffs. headline act after The Rockdogs pulled out due to unforeseen circumstances. The event comes ahead of Staffs Fest,

which is in its fourth year and will be held from May 25 to 27. Support acts for the warm-up party at The White Eagle Club in

Stafford include Callum Mountford, Emily Lockett, and Toasted Bones.
Staffs Fest organiser Lorraine Conkey organiser of said: "This night out is a great way to see some of the acts that will be performing at the Staffs Fest three-day festival on the Spring Bank Holiday at Lower Drayton Farm. Although the rock, reggae, soul and blues festival will be in its fourth year, this is the first time we are having a 'warm-up' event."

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current services and work-

current services and work-ing from there, looking in a much more forward-think-ing way and creating a new model for bus services. "There are multiple ways of achieving this and they

have committed to review 'Whatever solutions they

Destinations

able that there are no bus services in and around Can-nock Chase on a Sunday." The MP also wants Ar-

riva to look at how its services interlink with the rail network and various other

network and various other local destinations needing bus connections, such as the Orbital Retail Park.

Ms Milling added that the Chase Line can provide inter-town connections between Rugeley, Hednesford, Cannock, and Walsall but

the local bus network must then provide onward con-

nections for passengers to get to and from areas where there are no stations such as Norton Canes.

Hal's new date

HAL Cruttenden's show at

the Lichfield Garrick Theatre has been rearranged for

Thursday, May 31. This one-off performance will help to raise money for The Donna

Louise hospice. For details, call 01543 412 121 or visit

'New approach' demanded for **Sunday buses**

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling has branded the decisions that led to no Sunday bus services in the district as 'ludicrous'. It follows Staffordshire County Council's removal of the subsidy for some bus routes and Arriva's decision to axe a number of services.

Ms Milling said she has met with Arriva to urge the firm to go back to the Ms Milling said she has met with Arriva to urge the firm to go back to the drawing board and devise a new model for Sunday services. "Arriva need to look again at the routes they offer and think 'outside of the box' to find a solution which will deliver all important bus services which members of the public value and rely on," she said.

"I can't help thinking they need to look at bus travel in our area differently, and rather than looking at the great services and work."

after pilot rescue



Chief Fire Officer Becci Bryant, Chris Lamb and group manager Toby Wilson at the presentation ceremony

A MAN who helped save a pilot's life after his light aircraft crashed has been recognised for his bravery.

Chris Lamb from Stafford was out cycling when he and an off-duty nurse saw the crash in a field near Blithfield Reservoir in August. They discovered the seriously injured

pilot amid the smoking wreckage which was leaking fuel.

Mr Lamb pulled the pilot away from the wreckage before working with the nurse to give him first aid. Together with other cyclists, they stabilised his fractures and strapped him to a piece of fencing using a belt and cycle inner tubes.

The group then carried him to the air ambulance. It is believed he is still receiving treatment. Mr Lamb was

awarded a commendation during a Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service ceremony at Uttoxeter. The nurse was also commended but unable to attend the ceremony.

Toby Wilson, southern service delivery group manager at Staffordshire Fire and Rescue, said: "Chris and the off-duty nurse put themselves at risk to rescue the man."

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watch the film under the stars. There will also be hot food, a bar, and music.

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under-16s available from www.thelittleboxoffice.com/ cinemaunderthestars/event/ view/81431

Lion King | Carillion's city HQ up for sale at £3m

THE Wolverhampton headquarters of Carillion has gone up for sale with a price tag of $\pounds 3$ million in the wake of the liquidation process. That means it has halved in value

since it last changed hands two years ago.

Property agents Bulleys and JLL have been jointly appointed to market the property at 84 Salop Street, which is currently known as Carillion House.

It was not owned by Carillion; the company leased it for

around \$440,000 a year. It was bought by an unnamed private investor for £6.165 million in January 2016.

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Heartbreak as vandals wreck revamped garden

den that had been revamped by volunteers only

by volunteers only three weeks previously.
Prince's Trust students have been clearing up to £4,000 worth of damaged toys and plants pulled from the ground at West Chadsmoor Family Centre, which supports local families.
It comes after the students worked from March 5 to 16 renovating the centre's garden by fundraising, buying and planting trees, painting fences, and tidying up the site after two blasts of freezing weather. Prince's Trust of freezing weather. Prince's Trust delivery partner manager James Het-tihewa-Young said: "They saw a real value in helping the centre and spent

"The project was about leaving a legacy in the community, and that had been stripped away after a few weeks.

Fundraising

"They are devastated but we are in talks with the centre to look at ways to go back and help improve it again." The project was part of a 12-week programme for 16 to 25-year-olds who are unemployed or not in education. They spent two weeks on the garden including a week of fundraising when they raised £100 through bake sales and collections.

Staff at the centre were away from Thursday and did not know about the

Thursday and did not know about the

damage until they returned after the bank holiday weekend on Tuesday. Angela Staples, deputy manager of the centre, said: "We are all shattered and devastated, all of their hard work has been destroyed. When the guys came from the Prince's Trust, they could not believe they put all that work in – and it had been destroyed. "The first thing we did was report it to the police but we have no CCTV."



The centre's Angela Staples and Prince's Trust helpers Ky Gardiner and Jordan Short

Campaign to combat stress

APRIL has been designated Stress Awareness month – and health bosses say it is the ideal time to reduce the tension in life.

Health officials with Cannock Chase

Clinical Commissioning Group are urging anyone who thinks they might be suffering to speak up and get help

Whether the stress is caused by work or by events in your personal life, if it goes on for too long it can con-

tribute to raised blood pressure, heart disease and stroke and encourage you

into unhealthy habits like smoking, drinking and over-eating.

Dr Paddy Hannigan, a GP in Staffordshire, said: "Stress can affect everyone but can be very different for each institution." each individual.

"People can self-refer to Starfish Health and Wellbeing by calling 01543 572161 if they need more support.















Carrott's back after heart op

JASPER Carrott is going back on tour after undergoing a quadruple heart bypass. The 73-year-old Brummie comedian was

forced to cancel his sell-out shows last year after falling ill. He said on Facebook: "I'm back on the road with my mates.

"Sorry for all the trouble – I'm really looking forward to seeing you."
His daughter Lucy Davis, former star of

The Office, told her Instagram followers: "Dad's back on tour after his quad bypass last year. Proud of him." Carrott has begun

performing warm-up shows, gearing himself up for his big stage comeback.

The veteran comic had surgery at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital last August. He said afterwards: "There's nothing funny about a quadruple bypass operation, that much I can tell you."

"I've had great care at the hospital and was in great hands. Everyone kept telling me I would be fine, but an operation like this does give you a vulnerability that I

'No excuse' as fly-tip reports top 15,000

ANIMAL carcasses, chemical drums and asbestos - just some of the thousands of items dumped in Staffordshire over the past three years. More than 15,000 incidents of fly-tipping have been recorded in the county between April 2015 and September last year.

The Staffordshire County Council figures show there have been more than 6,000 incidents of general household waste reported, as well as 1,977 household black bin bags dumped. There were 1,513 fly-tipping incidents between July and September 2017 – a rise from 1,263 from April to June that year.

Feathered foes in flap on the Chase



Anthony Dunn took this picture on Cannock Chase

A TALENTED photographer has captured the moment two feisty robins took each other on.

The stunning shot was snapped by Anthony Dunn while he was out on Cannock Chase.

The photographer, who lives in Cannock, enjoys taking photographs of wildlife and shared the picture on Facebook. When Mr Dunn isn't taking pictures of wildlife, he works repairing motophomes. works repairing motorhomes.

Some of the animals he has taken photographs of include owls, birds and deer. Previously, he found himself in a

stare-off with a stag on the Chase – capturing the moment on his camera, of course.

However, the number did However, the number did drop in January and March when there were 1,756 in-cidents – the highest since April 2015. Councillor Gill Heath, Staffordshire County Coun-

cil's cabinet member for the environment, said: "There are 14 household waste recycling centres across Staffordshire, including facilities to take materials such as asbestos, as well as facilities for small businesses to legitimately dispose of their trade waste, so there is no excuse for anyone to break the law by fly-tipping.

Dumped

In total, there were 212 In total, there were 212 animal carcases dumped in the county – including 18 from July to September.

Other items found dumped illegally included tyres, vehicle parts and commercial black bags.

The council says charges at refuse tips in the county has not contributed to a rise in long-term fly-tinning.

in long-term fly-tipping.

A county council report revealed the number of revealed the number of fly-tipping incidents stayed unchanged over the 12 months after the charge began in November 2016, or they rose briefly before de-creasing again.

Sailing lessons

FAMILIES are being invited onto the water for free training sessions at a sailing club. Taster sessions will be available for all ages at South Staffordshire Sailing Club. The event will be held on Saturday at Gailey Res-ervoir from 10am to 4pm.

Tailbacks on the M6

MOTORISTS faced tailbacks of more than six miles after a crash blocked part of

Delays of up to an hour were reported southbound after two lorries and a car collided at were involved in the crash, which happened shortly before 2.15pm on Thursday. Three lanes were closed to junction six for the Aston Expressway at Spa-ghetti Junction.

'Brilliant' tribute to Rolling Stones A TRIBUTE to one of the world's best rock 'n' roll bands is coming to Cannock. 'The Rolling Stones Story: Everything' visits the Prince of Wales Theatre on May 5. Described as 'brilliant, astonishing and magnificent' by

Described as 'brilliant, astonishing and magnificent' by Absolute Radio, the covers band promise an 'exhilarating, high-energy concert celebrating the music of the world's greatest rock 'n' roll band'. The group are fronted by Paul Ashworth, who has worked as a double for Mick Jagger. The Rolling Stones were at the forefront of the British invasion of bands that conquered the United States in 1964. They ran neck and neck with The Beatles in the nonularity stakes with the late Sixties and early Seventies.

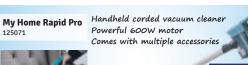
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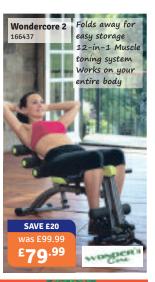
















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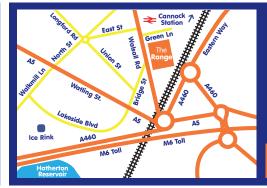
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ciains at Colin Lee in Burni-wood (Chronicle, April 5). I had stabbing pains in my eye and made an appoint-ment to have them checked. These pains had only oc-curred on one occasion. On

using specialist lenses, the consultant knew I needed an urgent referral to Sheffield Hallamshire Hospital.

There I was diagnosed with a tumour at the front of

I was unlucky that the tu-mour had gone undetected for nearly three years (ac-cording to my consultant at Sheffield) but very lucky that the optician referred me

in time to save my life.

HAZEL WHITEHOUSE

Burntwood

We need a debate on litter crisis

MARK Andrews's views on litter louts are the views shared by many (In My View, April 5). Whichever direction you travel and by whatever transport mode you take it's the same sorry story – litter strewn like confetti. The clean-up cost hits YOU the tax payer.

tax payer.

And some may cost your child's eyesight – again it's a few inconsiderate dog

Unlike the litter louts we can eliminate this disgusting problem by introducing.

ing problem by introducing, along with chipping, compulsory DNA testing for every dog.

I hope that our local MPs listen and open up a debate on these ever growing problems that have serious published the superms. lic health concerns.

MR A ALLPORT

Huntington

Try to think red when it comes to this bus route

ARRIVA have tried for years to get rid of the No 71 bus, and now they have managed to do so.

They stopped going around the Longford Estate with the

No 71 but now that the red bus has taken over, they have decided that the No 70 can now do so.

May I ask bus users on the 71 route to support the red

Arriva change times and routes at the drop of a hat, so if you want to keep the service, think red not blue.

ROGER ALLEN

Great Wyrley

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Society are producing.
I can be contacted on 01543 571386 or kj.page@

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KATHERINE PAGE

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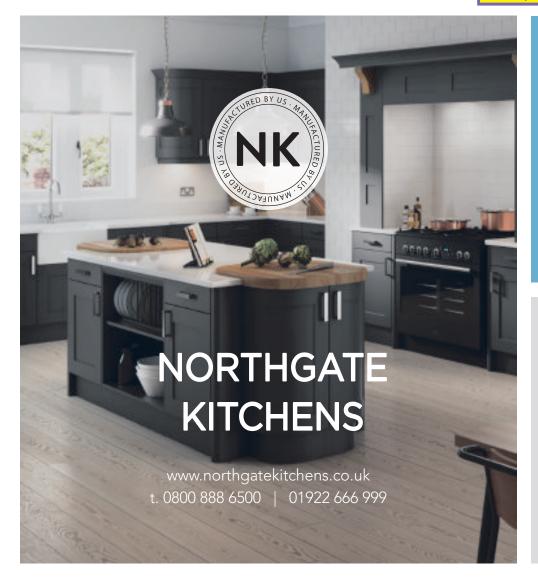




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Rocking into another hectic year



Staffordshire band Ryders Creed have an action-packed year ahead Picture: Tommy Cope (The Artful Sikes)

THEY have been together less than 12 months but it's been a year to remember for rock band Ryders Creed.

The group, whose members come from across Staffordshire, have an action-packed year ahead of them, with 22 gigs lined up for the rest of 2018.

Vocalist and frontman Ryan Hulme from Stafford is a former Walton High School student, and the other mem-

forces to provide a lifeline for people who need help to get their voices heard.

The independent Total Voice Staf-fordshire service will be run by na-tional advocacy charity VoiceAbility and local advocacy charity Asist who between them have over 50 years' ex-

The organisations will work in part-

TWO charities have joined nership and will provide all statutory advocacy services through a single point of contact. Total Voice Staffordshire is funded

by Staffordshire County Council under a new contract which will last up to four years.

Its aim is to support people when they are speaking for themselves so that their views and wishes about their care and wellbeing are heard and

Councillor Alan White, Stafford shire County Council's deputy leader and cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, said: "We believe in sing weineing, said: "We believe in supporting people to become more independent and able to live happily in

their community.

"Providing help to those who need it, to allow their views about their care and wellbeing to be heard, is essential work, which is why we invest in its

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Carpets Direct 2U has established a reputation for providing customers with good service and quality floor coverings, priced to suit everyone's

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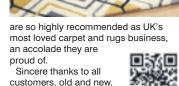
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Developer First Pannatoni has begun its 450,000 sq ft speculative unit at the Four Ashes Business Park begun its 450,000 sq fr speculative unit at the Four Ashes Business Park in South Staffordshire which means the site is now fully occupied. The industrial facility, to be known as Wolverhampton 450, is set to be completed in October creating up to 500 jobs. Four Ashes is already home to automotive parts supplier Gestamp, which started operations on site last year.

Located off the A449, the 52-acre site provides 900,000 sq ft industrial floor space and forms part of the Wolverhampton Staffordshire High Growth Zone.

Staffordshire County Council carried out the essential access works for Four Ashes, paving the way for new business and jobs.

County council finance leader Mike Sutherland, who met the developers at Four Ashes Business Park, said: "First Pannatoni's development getting parker way is further dependent of the contraction.

Pannatoni's development getting under way is further demonstration of investor confidence in Staffordshire

of investor confidence in Staffordshire and of the county's continued successful economic growth."

Simon Jenkins, development director at First Panattoni, said: "We have gained confidence from the level of occupier interest in this region, and our work developing Wolverhampton 450 will allow us to meet this demand. "Wolverhampton 450 represents the first of the company's spec build programme for 2018 and our commitment to delivering exceptional units at key.

to delivering exceptional units at key locations will be only further demon-strated as the year continues."



Simon Jenkins, left, of First Pannatoni with Councillor Mike Sutherland

JCB targets women recruits

JCB is urging women to seriously consider a career in engineering as it strives to tap into new talent and balance the male and female workforce

numbers.

The appeal comes after gender pay figures reported to the Government showed a 14.3 per cent hourly pay gap for the Staffordshire-based business.

JCB believes this can be addressed

by promoting more women into man-

agement roles. Chief executive Graeme Macdonald said: "There is still a mis-conception that engineering is more suited to men; this is absolutely not true. We see diversity as vital to our continued success. We very much want to attract more women into what is a

dynamic, exciting industry.

"However, this is an industry-wide issue and it is not a problem that can be fixed overnight."

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Samantha Beech, chairperson of Lichfield Ladies Tangles Tangent Club, presents a cheque for $\pounds 600$ to Peter Buck

A LICHFIELD club has donated a cheque for £600 to a canal heritage group. Lichfield Ladies Tangles Tangent Club made the presentation to Peter Buck, engineering director of Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust.

Thanking Samantha Beech, chairperson of Lichfield La-dies Tangles, for their generous donation, Peter said the money would be used to buy essential materials for the trust's volunteers to continue the restoration of the Herit-

trust's volunteers to continue the restoration of the Heritage Towpath Trail.

Lichfield Ladies Tangles is a member of the National Association of Tangent Clubs and part of the four-club family of Round Table, 41 Club, Ladies Circle and Tangent.

The canal trust received another cash boost from an all-day Easter coffee morning at the home of its president Eric Wood. Almost £1,300 raised from donations plus barbers, book for only him to breastles will go towards the Trust's cue, book and bric-a-brac sales will go towards the Trust's £1million Tunnel Vision campaign.

Tangles group boost for canal restoration Company flies flag in region for innovation

CANNOCK company, which can count Bentley, Aston Martin and JCB among its customer base, is flying the flag for the region with fresh investment in technology.
Linecross Composities is building on its reputation

for manufacturing vacuum-formed thermoplastic, polyurethane and injection moulded components.

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Over the last 12 months
the company has invested
more than £3.1 million in
its sites at Cannock and
Rutland – where it employs
a total of 300 people.
A significant investment
has been made in three
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vacuum forming machines, with further equipment including two new injection

moulding machines.

New robotic handling systems and an ultrasonic welding robot to support assembly operations have helped improve efficiency

and productivity.

Linecross Composites was formed in 2012 when parent company Linecross Ltd bought its competitor BI Composites out of administration.

It provides clients in the automotive, leisure and spe-

ciality industries with a full design and manufacturing service – from initial design to 'just in time' supply direct to trackside from its site in Green Lane, Bridgtown. As the business has ex-

panded, so has its reputa-tion for its commitment to technical innovation.

technical innovation.
Chairman David Austin
said: "These days the industry is about more than just
stand-alone parts. We are
now supplying assembled
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Sequel will see cinema reopen within weeks

STAFFORD Cinema will reopen after being taken over by a new company in a rescue deal.

AJH Cinema will run the historic venue. which has faced an uncertain future after closing at the end of last year. Fears that the three-screen cinema, in Newport Road, would be left to fall into

ruin have been swept away by the arrival of the firm.

AJH Cinema aims to compete with a new

complex being built in nearby Bridge Street as part of the new Riverside development. Minor works need to be carried out be-

for the building can reopen but Anthony Harris, from AJH, said he was hopeful the cinema would be back up and running as early as this month.

The boss of the Cheshire-based firm said

he was confident the venture would be a success and said he is not worried about competition from the new cinema.

Films

He said he intends to keep prices low in

He said he intends to keep prices low in an effort to attract customers.

"I've got quite a lot of films lined up, we have had the heating engineers in there, and it's just a case of dotting the I's and crossing the T's," Mr Harris said.

"I have been in the trade for many, many years, and I just knew it was lying there doing nothing. Our prices will be a lot cheaper, and there will be plenty of popcorn and sweets as usual."

Councillor Christine Baron said: "It's fantastic for the town that it isn't going to

fantastic for the town that it isn't going to be left to rack and ruin and it isn't going to open as a restaurant or something else – it

open as a restaurant or something else – it is going to be a cinema."

Councillor Baron said she believed the two cinemas would be able to successfully co-exist in Stafford. "I don't see why they shouldn't go hand in glove," she said.

Work is continuing to progress on Stafford's new cinema, which will feature six screens and 800 seats.

Five Star show on the way



Feelgood style – Five Star Swing play classic numbers by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Glenn Miller and many more

Frank Swing are coming to Cannock's Prince of Wales Theatre as part of a national tour.

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Check this out - chess club marks 50 years

anniversary year with a tournament at the town's Lea Hall Social Club on Saturday.

Fifty eight players from all over the country, in-

cluding international representation from Poland and India, competed in three sections over seven rounds of 'fast' chess. International arbiter Matthew

Tournament winner Gary Kenworthy, left, receives his prize

from Patrick Waller

Lion in Brereton

The pamphlet documenting the club's 50-year history

for about three years. The trophy still exists but is cur-

rently in a poor condition.

Alongside the chess, the club organises a number of social events, including

Christmas and end-of-sea-son meals, summer gather-ings and fun nights such as

lightning tournaments.

For further information about Rugeley Chess Club, call Patrick Waller on 07969 598265, email patrick. waller@btinternet.com or vicit ways rugeleychesschib

visit www.rugeleychessclub.

rounds of Tast Chess. International arbiter Mattr Carr, a member of the club, ran the tournament. The winner of the open section with the strongest players was Gary Kenwor-thy from Bedfordshire, who received first prize, a cheque for £120, from club chair-man Patrick Waller.

The major section was won jointly by Peter Collins (Lichfield), Phil Bull (Wolverhampton) and Douglas Barnett (Crewe). The minor section was won by Robert Marks (Sutton Coldfield).

Marks (Sutton Coldfield).
Rugeley Chess Club has been awarded the accolade Staffordshire Chess Club of the Year 2018 and meets at Lea Hall every Tuesday night for casual chess and actions the Well. and matches in the Wolverhampton and Cannock

Leagues.
The club's treasurer An-The club's treasurer anthony Meakin, with contributions from Matthew Carr and Mike Page, has produced a pamphlet documenting its 50-year history which is available to download from its website.

Joined

The club first met at the The club first met at the Red Lion in Brereton, and other past venues include The British Legion, St Paul's Church, The Vine Inn and Riley's Snooker Club. Although a group of enthusiasts had been playing chess together for a some time, 1968 saw the official start of the club. The club's stay at The

ficial start of the club.

The club's stay at The
Red Lion was short lived
and by 1969 it had moved to
The Royal British Legion in
Bow Street. The following
year saw the club start its
competitive activities when
it joined the Wolverhampton
and District Chess League,
entering three teams.

entering three teams.

As the club became established, records show that an internal club competi-tion was set up. This was a knockout tournament with players competing for the Arthur Hyson Trophy. The first winner of the

competition, which continued until, 1981, was an R Evans in 1971. Additionally, 1980 saw

the beginning of a separate competition – the club championship, first won by Mike Page. However, it did not last for very long, only



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Warning over 'silent killer' after tragedy

THE woman who died after a carbon monoxide leak in her home has been named as 73-year-old

Gwendal Stanley.
She died at her home in Old Penkridge Road, Cannock, last Tuesday.
Fire investigators say a coal heater is believed to have been behind the leak.
A 75-year-old man was critically ill in

A 16-year-old man was critically ill in hospital after receiving oxygen treatment from firefighters at the scene.

Staffordshire Fire Investigation Officer Paul Shaw said a self-feeding anthracite coal heater was discovered downstairs. The fire service say it is believed this heater was responsible for the 'dangerously high levels' of carbon monovide within the home.

responsible for the dangerously mgn lev-els' of carbon monoxide within the home. Mr Shaw said: "We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to this woman's family. "Our thoughts remain with them during this difficult time.

Concern

"While real fuel fires and heaters greatly increase your risk of suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning, any home can be affected, so it's vital to ensure you are protected by having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms fitted in your property.

"Those without these alarms may not know there is a cause for concern until it is too late – carbon monoxide is odourless, invisible and a silent killer. The firefighters at this incident took a carbon monoxide reading after the home had already been ventilated by police so it highly likely that the levels were well over 100."

The maximum and safe limit is 35 parts per million over an eight-hour period.

Police were called at 10.30am after a relative became concerned when they were unable to raise the occupants.

The officers forced entry, rescued the goals and concerned when two tributes to be some concerned to record the content of the course of the content of the content of the content of the course of the content o

The officers forced entry, rescued the couple and opened windows to ventilate the home. Staffordshire Police say they are not treating the woman's death as suspicious.

Pupils in a dash to learn



Alex Griffin, Calan Campbell, Cameron Tarplee and Ethan Turner

A GROUP of Year 6 pupils from Penkridge Middle School learned about the Fairtrade initiative thanks to a visit to the Co-op food store in the village. After a behind-the-scenes tour to

find out how the store operates, the pupils were challenged to an ethical trolley dash to find as many Fair-

trade products as possible.

After a lot of searching and to-

talling up at the end the eventual winners were Fraser Smith and Charlie Preece who found 62 different branded products and were re-warded with Easter eggs as prizes along with the pairs of children who came in second and third place with

57 and 58 products respectively.

"I was very proud of all the children and grateful for the Co-op's help," teacher Paul Mobberley said.

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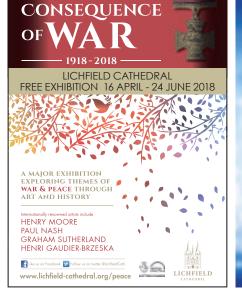
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Stage roles like this are in my blooc

eturning to Blood Brothers is like greeting an old friend for actress Lyn Paul, who found fame with the New Seekers in the early 1970s before finding more recent success and critical acclaim in the long-running West End musical.

For 20 years, she has played the part of Mrs Johnstone at the Phoenix Theatre and on a UK tour. There are times

when you'd expect her to know it in her sleep.
"You know what, strangely enough, I was lying in bed
the other night going through the opening song and I
reached one part, but for the life of me couldn't remember the rest of it, and I had to get up and go downstairs to get the script and go through it! At 4 o'clock in the morning, ridiculous! So it's playing on my mind obviously

The show will feature at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Monday until April 21, after surpassing 10,000 performances in London's West End.

Fans can look forward to a glitzy production of a musical that has been christened the 'Standing Ovation Musical', with a score including Bright New Day, Marilyn

Monroe and the emotive hit Tell Me It's Not True. We caught up with Lyn to find out what she loves about the new touring production:

"I will treat it like a new show. Obviously it's easier pecause I do know what I'm doing and because it is so well directed. When I first started it was directed by Bill and also Bob Tomson, so all those notes I have I've still got written down and a lot of that will come back to me because I think the way they directed it is just second to none. I'm desperately Íooking forward to going back and bringing that with me.

ULTIMATE

You played the role of Mrs Johnstone from 1997 right up until 2000, then revived it in 2008 and then again in 2012 for the final two weeks of its West End run

say it's your ultimate role? "Oh absolutely, without a shadow of a doubt! Mrs J is just me. Everything that she's going through I feel, the way Willy's (Russell) written it is so easy to get over to an audience as it's actually written as you would speak. Sometimes, when people write a script, you look at it and think 'Well, that's not how I would say it'. But this is so perfectly written and so easy, it just flows, and I just feel that Mrs J is me, so it makes it very

easy to play."

No doubt a huge factor when accepting the role again for the tour?
"Absolutely. And also, because of Bill

(Kenwright). When I first played Mrs J, I was doing cabaret and he took me away from all that. I wrote to Bill and asked him if he would consider me for the role of Mrs J, he sent me a letter back by return post, and less than three weeks later I was waiting on the stage at the Phoenix Theatre (West End) to start rehearsals and cannot tell you what it did to me. I'd never acted and I thought 'Oh my god, I can't do this!' .But Bill showed so much faith in me that I will always go back. He's only got to click his fingers and I'll be straight in, no problem."
So it was a chance letter that

changed your life?
"Oh yes, absolutely. I didn't know Bill, although I knew Carl Wayne, who was The Narrator at that point, and he came to see me in a cabaret show I was in down the road from the Phoenix Theatre and he told me 'You



now, you should go and audition for Mrs Johnstone'. didn't even know Blood Brothers, so I asked him about it and said 'I can't, I don't act'. But he said I should give it a go. So I went back and discussed it with my mum and she said 'Oh, Bill Kenwright, he's a very nice man'. I said 'How do you know? You've never met him', and she said 'Well I've seen him interviewed and he's a very nice man, write to him!' Typical Northern mum! So I did, I wrote and just said 'Would you consider seeing me for the role of Mrs J, I'm not Liverpudlian but I can get into the accent', gave him all that, and I posted it off. Two days later I got a return letter saying 'Don't worry about the Liverpudlian accent love, we'll sort that, you don't need one, you're a Northerner, and I'd love to see you'. And that was it. And, from that moment on, we became

good friends." While Blood Brothers is what you're synonymous with, you also toured with Cabaret for Bill – how did you get involved with that?

I can relate to her to a great extent . . . it just happens

"I got an email from him which said he'd like to put me up for Fräulein Schneider, and how would I feel about it? I wrote back and said I would love it, he sent me the script and the parts he wanted me to do, asked me to come into the office, I went in and went through the songs, went up to Bill's office, we went through the scenes, and that was that. Bill has been a very good friend to me and a very good boss, he's been very loyal to me, and I will always

> You starred in Cabaret with Will Young, who started out as a pop star like you did – how hard or easy was it to develop acting skills, particularly with no experience?

"Well, you're not being yourself, it's totally different to standing on stage and being yourself and having to make a speech at the end of a gig, I'm useless at that. But when you go on stage and you're playing a character, it just seems to happen for me. Especially Mrs J, because I can relate to her so well being a northern mum and having gone through a lot of struggles in my life, lots of lows. I can relate to her to a great extent, so I feel that it just comes, it just happens."

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Hotting up for a great night indie arena with Arcade Fire

CANADIAN indie rockers Arcade Fire are blazing a trail once again with their latest album Everything Now, and fans have the chance to see them live when they perform at the Genting Arena on Sunday.

Consisting of husband and wife Win Butler and Régine Chassagne, along with Win's younger brother William Butler, Richard Reed Parry, Tim Kingsbury and Jeremy Gara, all the band's studio albums have received nominations for best alternative music album at the Grammys.

at the Grammys.
Founded in 2000 by friends and classmates Win
Butler and Josh Deu, the band came to prominence in
2004 with the release of their critically acclaimed debut

album Funeral. Their second studio album, Neon Bible, won them the 2008 Meteor Music Award for best international album and the 2008 Juno Award for alternative album of the year. Their third studio album, The Suburbs, was released in 2010 to critical acclaim and commercial success, followed by Reflector in 2013, which was the score for feature film Her, seeing band members William Butler and Owen Pallett nominated for an Academy Award.

It's a unique sound they produce, with members playing guitar, drums, bass guitar, piano, violin, viola, cello, double bass, xylophone, glockenspiel, keyboard, synthesizer, French horn, accordion, harp, mandolin and hurdy-gurdy, with the multi-instrumentalists switching duties throughout the show.

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Music bug took Lisa all around the world

Singer Lisa Stansfield's childhood was the biggest influence on her career.

She grew up listening to the classic records that her mother played by such artists as Patsy Cline, Brenda Lee and Diana Ross. "My mum used to listen to that stuff all the time.

"I suppose it was innate – I would have been listening to that in her tummy. I came out singing it. Those are your teachers, all those people."

Lisa's early hits owed much to that roster of influences, as All Around The World and All Woman told stories – just like the records performed by her own idols. "I love telling stories. Vocally I adopted the soul element of the music. Lyrically a lot of the time I'm a bit country-fied – I do like to tell a tear-jerking story. It's really corny but I think there's a line – if you mess yourself up you mess everything up, I'm just on the border of it.

"So I just learned that from a really, early age. I just got to know the songs off by heart.

"I supposed when you start singing along with something and it feels special and it has a sensation, an actual physical sensation – it just felt incredible. And that sensation has just carried on and on. I think my mum and dad thought it was going to end at some point.

They sort of humoured me for a while. But, no, I couldn't live without singing and stuff, really," she says with a sincerity that is unshakable. "Singing is a massive

She is happy to have strong roots in the North of England, though she and her husband have lived for long periods in New York and Ireland. "Me and lan travelled for so long, where we are together that's our home. I didn't particularly miss anywhere. The only time you miss something is when you get back and you realise you missed it."

 Lisa plays at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham on Tuesday.



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Baddiel's family affairs on show

HE'S big mates with West Bromwich's Frank Skinner, who lives down his road, and now David Baddiel is bringing his acclaimed one-man-show, My Family: Not The Sitcom to Dudley Town Hall on Thursday. Covering subjects

such as ageing, infidelity,
dysfunctional relatives, moral
policing on social media, the show is a massively
disrespectful celebration of the lives of David
Baddiel's late sex-mad mother, Sarah, and
dementia-ridden father, Colin.

Ship comes in for Sting with musical

The Last Ship, the acclaimed musical by pop superstar Sting comes to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday. Initially inspired by Sting's 1991 album The Soul Cages and his own childhood experiences, the production tells the story of a community amid the demise of the shipbuilding industry in Tyne and Wear, with the closure of the Swan Hunter shippard. This personal, political and passionate new musical from the multiple Grammy Award winner, is an epic account of a family, a community and a great act of defiance.

It stars The Upper Hand star Joe McGann, Charlie Hardwick, Richard Fleeshman, recently seen as Sky Masterson in the UK tour of Guys and Dolls, and Frances McNamee.



Britain's Got Talent (ITV, 8pm)

Apparently, so impressed were the 'powers that be' (including Simon Cowell) with Declan Donnelly's solo performance at the helm of Saturday Night Takeaway over the Easter weekend, that they decided there and then to confirm him as the sole host of this year's Britain's Got Talent. The auditions are, of course, prerecorded, meaning the Geordie duo will be presenting together as usual for the time being. Regular viewers will know that, at this early stage, there's every chance that a true star in the making might be found amongst the throngs of hopefuls auditioning - but there will also be no end of people whose hopes, dreams and ambitions far outweigh their actual abilities.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen. 11.30 Classic Mary Berry. (R) 12.00 Football Focus. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Commonwealth Games 2018. Highlights of day 10 from Queensland. 4.30 Final Score. 5.30 A Question of Sport. (R)

Question of Sport. (R)
6.00 Doodlebugs. Sketch show in which inanimate objects share their thoughts on the world. With the voices of Kayvan Novak, Cardinal Burns, Morgana Robinson and Spencer Jones. Last in the series

in the series.

6.15 Ready or Not. Something fruity is happening at a market stall in Plymouth in the game show featuring unsuspecting members of the public facing surprise challenges while going about their

6.45 BBC News

6.55 Regional Programme

Pointless Celebrities. Actors
Danny John-Jules, Nigel Lindsay,
Liz Carr, Lisa Hammond, Trudie
Goodwin, Lisa Maxwell, Bill
Maynard and Tricia Penrose
compete in the general knowledge
quiz.

winz.

Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles presents the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.

Casualty. Bea treats a shopkeeper who has collapsed during a robbery, but faces a dilemma when she begins to suspect two brothers in her care are the men responsible for the crime.

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responsible for the crime.

Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes ends up at the wrong venue after trying to gatecrash Maria's hen party. She then tries to impress the bride-to-be's mother during a dinner date, but the evening ends in chaos. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National

10.20 Match of the Day. Highlights of Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester

11.45 Commonwealth Games 2018. JJ 11.45 Commonwealth Games 2018. JJ Chalmers introduces live coverage as the 11th and final day of the Games continues in Queensland, featuring the men's and women's marathions alongside squash and rugby sevens.

3.30 Commo

BBC2

6.00 Commonwealth Games 2018. Day 10 continues with live athletics, netball and rugby sevens. 10.00 Commonwealth Games 2018. Gabby Logan and Clare Balding present live diving and squash on day 10.12.00 Commonwealth Games 2018. Live diving coverage as day 10 reaches its conclusion. 1.15 MasterChef: The Finals, (R) 2.15 MasterChef: The Finals, (R) 2.15 MasterChef: The Finals, (R) 3.15 Escape to the Continent. (R) 4.15 Money for Nothing. (R) 4.45 Flog Itt (R) 5.30 Living with the Brainy Bunch. (R) 5.30 Living with the Brainy Bunch.

5.30 Living with the Brainy Bunch. (R) ' 6.30 Today at the Games. Clare Balding and Gabby Logan round up the best of the action from day 10 of the Commonwealth Games in Queensland. The men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relay finals provided the climax to the athletics schedule at the Carrara Stadium, and Team England harboured medal hopes after recent successes at global level. Northern Ireland took home nine boxing medals in Glasgow four years ago, and the likes of Michaela Walsh and James McGivern were tasked with delivering more podium finishes at Oxenford Studios. Tom Daley attempted to retain his 10m platform diving title at Optus Aquatic Centre, while champions were also crowned in road cycling, basketball, squash, shooting, table tennis and wrestling.

8.00 The Forest. New series. Mark Bonnar parrates a documentary.

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Bonnar narrates a documentary
following the people who live and
work in Galloway Forest Park,
where 600,000 tons of timber is
produced every year.

8.30 Dad's Army. Jonesy's van runs out
of petrol and the platoon is forced
to spend the night in a spooly
deserted house, where the men's
imaginations soon run wild. (R)

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9.00 Gettys: The World's Richest Art Dynasty. 10.15 Commonwealth Games 2018. JJ

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as the 11th and Inal day of the Games gets under way in Queensland, featuring the men's and women's marathons at Southport Broadwater Parklands. 11.45 Film: Swingers. (1996) A falled actor struggling to get over a break-up is dragged into the singles scene by a friend. Comedy, with Jon Favreau and Vince Vauchn.

1.15 Civilisations. (R) 2.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.20 BBC News.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty, 6.10 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) 6.20 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Track's Adventures. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Track's Adventures. (R) 6.35 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 6.35 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.00 Star Wars Freemaker Adventures. (R) 7.25 The Irom and Jerry Show. (R) 7.30 Teen Titlans Gol (R) 7.45 Adventure Time. (R) 8.00 Thunderbrids Are Go. 8.26 TITV News. 8.30 Zoe Ball on Staturday. 92-5 James Martin's Saturday Morning. 11.25 Whos Doing the Dishes? (R) 12.20 TITV News; Weather. 12.25 Change Your Tune. (R) 1.30 Pittal's Brightest Family. (R) 2.00 ITV Racing: Grand National Festival. Live coverage of four races. 4.35 TIV Racing Live: The Grand National Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani present live coverage from Aintree. 6.15 ITV News; Weather. 6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.

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 Ninja Warrior UK. New series.
 Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara

Chris Kamara.
7.30 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule.
New series. The madcap panel show returns, with Micky Flanagan, Robert Peston, Sally Dynevor and Anneka Rice tasked with saving planet Earth from any potential alien invasion.

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80 Britain's Got Talent. New series.

Ant McPartlin and Declan Donnelly host the opening auditions of the nationwide talent search. The usual wide variety of acts, from comedians to contortionists, majcians to martial artists and singers to spoon players, compete to impress returning judges Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and David Walliams.

9.25 The Keith and Paddy Picture
Show. New series. Keith Lemon
and Paddy McGuinness remake
Grease, with the help of special
guests including Stacey Solomon,
Nicole Scherzinger, Fearne Cotton
and Marvin Humes.

9.55 ITV News: Weather

9.55 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Film: Legally Blonde. (2001) A dizzy teenager enrols at Harvard to try to prove to her ex-boyfriend that she is not stupid, but finds herself out of her depth. Comedy, with Reese Witherspoon.

12.05 Marcella. (R) 12.55 Jackpot247.

3.00 Babushka. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. 6.45
The King of Queens. (R) 7.10 The King of
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The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.

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7.00 Coastal Railways with Julie
Walters. The actress travels from
Cardigan Bay to Liverpool, visiting
the heritage railway in Tywyn that
was the inspiration for Thomas the
Tank Engine and a community that
is famous for knitting. She also
visits Europe's fastest zip wire and
largest pet cemetery. (R)

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new home against his evil brother. Kenneth Branagh's fantasy adventure based on the Marvel comics, starring Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman, Tom Hiddleston and Anthony Hopkins. 11.15 Film: Big Game. (2014) A teenage hunter helps the US president to

nunter nelps the US president to escape from terrorists pursuing him through the Finnish wilderness. Action adventure, with Samuel L Jackson and Onni Tommila.

Tommila.

12.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares
USA. (R) 1.45 Hollyoaks. (R) 3.55
Building the Dream. (R) 4.50 The
Question Jury. (R) 5.45 Steph and Dom's
One Star to Five Star. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 10.30 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.30 Traffic Cops. (R) 12.30 Traffic Cops. (R) 1.30 Traffic Cops: On the Edge. (R) 2.30 Live Aviva Premiership Rugby Union. Leicester Tigers v Northampton Saints (Kick-off 3.00pm.) 5.00 Can't Pay? Well Take It Away! (R)

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6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (no comment officers are faced with the difficult job of evicting a woman with two children – a task that takes a turn for the worse when her ex-partner makes an appearance. (R)

7.00 The Secret Life of Owls. The 7.00 The Secret Life of Owls. The second of two programmes in which cameras follow the lives of owls living in rural Essex on a former First World War airfield. Missing Claw and Stripetail now have three chicks, who must learn how to fly, hunt and pounce. Meanwhile, five tawny owl chicks arrive from a local wildlife centre.

8.00 CE2: The World's Greatest Cruise Ship. Part one of two.

Ship. Part one of two.
Documentary telling the story
behind the problems that almost
spelled the end of the Queen
Elizabeth 2 before she was nished (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Football on 5: The Championship. Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Norwich City v Cardiff City at Carrow Road, Middlesbrough v Bristol City at the Riverside Stadium, Aston Villa v Leeds United at Villa Park, Hull City Sheffield Wednesday at the KCOM Stadium and Queens Park Rangers v Preston North End at Loftus Road.

Lottus Road.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Colin
Murray introduces all the goals
from the weekend's games in
Leagues One and Two, including
Charlton Athletic v Scunthorpe
United and Grimsby Town v
Rarnet

10.3020 Moments That Rocked the **00s.** Lauren Laverne presents a countdown of some of the most memorable moments from the decade, featuring a look at world-changing news stories and entertainment headlines. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 Murder on the Internet. (R) 4.00 The Murderer Next Door: Countdown to Murder (R) 4.45 House Doctor. (R) 5.10 Divine Designs. (R) 5.35 Wildlife SOS. (R)

7.00 Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth 7.00 Authur: The wildes Ocean of Patin 8.00 Commonwealth Games Extra 9.00 Salamander: Blood Diamonds 10.35 The Bermuda Triangle: Beneath the Waves 11.35 From Andy Pandy to Zebedee: The Golden Age of Children S V12.35 Insect Worlds 1.05 Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth 2.05 The Bermuda Triangle: Bereath the Waves 3.05 Close

ITV2

12.05 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night
Takeaway 1.40 Britain's Got Talent: Top
10 Social Superstars 2.40 Totally You've
Been Framed! Gold 2.3.45 Film: Loney
Tunes: Back in Action (2003) 4.45 FYI
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11.15 Family Guy 12.40 American Dad!
1.40 Plebs 2.40 Teleshopping 5.40 ITV2
Nightscreen Nightscreen

11.00 A Touch of Frost 3.00 Film: Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot (1991) 5.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Vera 1.00 On the Buses 1.55 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

11.00 The Virtual Grand National 2018
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11.00 New Girl 12.00 The Goldbergs
2.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 4.00 Young
Sheldon 4.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00
Film: Alien Resurrection (1997) 11.05
Gogglebox 12.10 Naked Attraction 1.15
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4.50 Rude(ish) Tube

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11.00 Thunderbirds (2004) 1.00
Garfield: A Tale of Two Kittles (2006) 2.35
Rio 2 (2014) 4.35 The Core (2003) 7.15
Europa Report (2013) 9.00 Triple 9
(2016) 11.15 Speed (1994) 1.30
Insidious (2010) 3.40 Close

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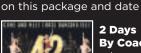
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Ordeal by Innocence (BBC1, 9pm)

The Argyll children are forced to relive the events of the terrible Christmas Eve when Rachel was murdered to finally uncover the truth about who killed her and why. However, they soon discover that everyone in the family had a reason for wanting to get rid of her. Arthur's assertion that he is telling the truth puts his life in danger, prompting a race against time to save his life, while Leo and Gwenda's wedding descends into violence as a vengeful party plots to take the law into their own hands. Bill Nighy, Anthony Boyle, Anna Chancellor, Morven Christie, Crystal Clarke, Christian Cooke, Alice Eve and Matthew Goode star. Last in the

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SUNDAY'S TV APRIL 15

6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News. Weather. 1.15 MasterChef: The Finals. (R) 2.15 MasterChef: The Final. (R) 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Lifeline. 4.10 Songs of Praise. 4.45 Pointless Celebrities. (R) 5.35 BBC News. 5.50 Regional Programme.

Regional Prògramme.

6.00 The Big Painting Challenge. The contestants face a test of their portrait-painting skills at RAF Hendon, and discover the different challenges presented by painting older and younger subjects. A gathering of RAF personnel and members of the public assess their efforts and choose a favourite before judges Daphne Todd and Lachlan Goudie decide who will be leaving the series this week.

7.00 Countrylle. In Cumbria, Matt

7.00 Countryfile. In Cumbria, Matt Baker walks along a new section of the England Coast Path, meeting the England Coast Path, meeting the people who created it and a local film-maker, while Anita Rani explores a trail documenting the life of artist Percy Kelly, Plus, Helen Skelton meets a man who gave up city life to make hand-crafted chopping boards, and Sean Fletcher reports on efforts to save a breeding colony of black guillemots. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team

9.00 Ordeal by Innocence. The Argylis relive the events of Rachel's death to uncover the truth. However, they soon discover that veryone in the family had a reason to kill her. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News.

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10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark
Chapman reviews the day's
Premier League action, with
highlights of Newcastle United v
Arsenal at St James' Park and
Manchester United v West
Bromwich Albion at Old Trafford.

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11.30 Film: The Peacemaker. (1997)
Two mismatched government
operatives are forced to put aside
their differences to find a stolen
cache of nuclear warheads. Action
thriller, with George Clooney.

1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.30
BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Commonwealth Games 2018. Live rugby sevens coverage on the 11th and final day. 9.15 Commonwealth Games: Closing Geremony 2018. Live coverage from Carrara Stadium in Queensland, Australia. 3.00 Live Women's FA Cup Football. Chelsea Ladies v Manchester City Women (Kick-off 3.30pm). 5.30 Flog It! (R)

6.30 Today at the Games. Clare Balding and Gabby Logan round up the best of the action from day 11 of the Commonwealth Games in Queensland, as the event was brought to its conclusion. Seventeen more champions were crowned throughout the final day, including in the men's and women's marathons at Southport Broadwater Parklands, Plus, the netball and rugby sevens tournaments came to an end at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre and Robina Stadium respectively, while the badminton, squash, basketball and table tennis all reached a climax. Queensland, as the event was

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Britain's Biggest Warship. New series, Film-maker Chris Terrill captures an intimate and personal portrait of life on board ultramodern super aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth, as its crew learns the series of a unspecified to the series of the intricacies of a warship that the intracacies of a warship that will change the way Britain goes to war. In this first instalment, early 2016 sees sailors begin to arrive in Rosyth dockyard in Scotland where the ship is still in construction, but nearing completion

9.00 My Year with the Tribe. New series. Writer Will Millard lives with a tribe in Indonesia to understand the pressures they face in adapting to a modern world they have only known in the past 40 years

10.00 Famalam. New series. Comedy sketch show, featuring a misunderstood superhero, Croydon's leading witch doctor, and some much-needed cultural diversity in Midsomer Murders. 10.20 Film: The Homesman. (2014) A

10.20 Film: The Homesman. (2014) A frontier woman persuades an outlaw to help her lead three traumatised women across the wilderness. Western, directed by and starring Tommy Lee Jones, with Hilary Swank.

12.15 Film: The Hunters. (1996) 2.05 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) 3.05 Holby City. (R) 4.05 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty, 6.10 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) 6.20 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.45 Super 4. (R) 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.00 Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) 7.25 The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) 7.30 Tene Titans Gol (R) 7.45 Adventure Time. (R) 8.00 The Haunted Hathaways. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Zoe Ball on Sunday. 9.25 Love Your Garden. (R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday. 9.25 Love Your Garden. (R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday. 9.10 Britains Got Talent. (R) 12.20 Britains's Got More Talent. (R) 12.30 Typing Point. (R) 4.00 Change Your Tune. 5.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R) 6.00 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule.

6.00 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule. The madcap panel show returns, with Micky Flanagan, Robert Peston, Sally Dynevor and Anneka Rice tasked with saving planet Earth from any potential alien invasion. (R)

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

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6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.
7.00 Celebrity Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts a celebrity special of the game show, asking, sontestants Ellie Simmonds and Say it's as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round. (R) Catchphrase round. (R)

8.00 The Durrells. An Italian family arrive on the island, provoking jealousy in Louisa, who begins to suspect there is something suspicious about the new arrivals after inviting them over.

9.00 The Good Karma Hospital. The team tries to save survivors from a collapsed building. Ruby discovers a secret concerning one of her patients, and Ram helps a woman whose husband is missing.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

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10.20 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with Allegra Stratton. (R)
11.15 This Time Next Year. More participants take on 12-month challenges, including parents hoping to transform their deaf baby girls Iffe. Davina McCall presents. (R)
12.10 Jackpot247. 3.00 Take on the Twisters. (R) 3.50 ITV Mightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) 6.40 The King of Queens. (R) 7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Eat the Week. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.50 Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix Highlights. 4.30 Speed with Guy Martin: F1 Challenge. (R) 5.30 Grand Designs. (R) 6.30 Channel 4 News.

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6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Escape to the Chateau. Dick and Angel decide they will live as self-sufficiently as they can while restoring the chateau, and invest in some chickens to provide them with eggs for breakfast every morning. However, they still have countless problems to deal with, and have only £20,000 left, the chateau is still without either heating or water, while the 59 windows are crumbling. While Dick's renovations fall behind schedule, Angel is in her element coming up with ideas for what the finished building will look like. (R)
8.00 The Crystal Maze. New series. Richard Ayoade guides the Hauxwell family through the Aztec, Medieval, Industrial and Future zones of the Maze, tackling a range of skill, mystery, physical and mental challenges to win time in the Crystal Dome.

Homeland. Carrie has problems at home. Saul and Wellington work on Paley. Espionage drama, starring Claire Danes, Mandy Patinkin and Linus Roache.

Patinkin and Linus Hoache.

10.05 Lifeline. Spanish drama, starring Pablo Derqui as a surgeon who begins having visions after undergoing a heart transplant that inspire him to discover how the departing.

11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jonathan Ross, Lee Mack and Victoria Coren Mitchell join regulars Jon Richardson and Jimmy Carr for the words-and-numbers game. (R)

numbers game. (H)

12.05 Film: Out of the Furnace. (2013)
Crime thriller, starring Christian Bale.

2.10 Film: Hotel Salvation. (2016)
Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Adil
Hussain. 3.50 K07V Boxing Weekly.

4.20 Gillett World Sport. 4.45 The
Question Jury. A new juror stirs things
by agesting about some of the up by gossiping about some of the others. (R) **5.40** Kirstie's Fi**ll** Your House for Free. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. 6.10
Wissper, (R) 6.20 The Mr Men Show, (R)
6.30 Milkshake! Monkey, (R) 6.35 The
Secret Life of Pupless. (R) 6.40 Moly.
(R) 6.45 Simon. (R) 6.50 Simon. (R)
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6.55 Peppa Pig. (R) 7.05 Paw Patrol. (R)
7.15 Thomas & Friends. (R) 7.25
Fireman Sam. (R) 7.35 Olly the Little
White Van. (R) 7.50 Bizes and the
Monster Machines. (R) 8.15 Paw Patrol.
(R) 8.35 Nella the Princess Knight. (R)
8.50 Noddy. Toyland Detective. (R) 9.00
Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom (R) 9.15
Shimmer and Shine. (R) 9.30 Digby
Dragon. (R) 9.45 Peppa Pig. (R) 9.55
Peppa Pig. (R) 10.00 Teenage Mutant
Ninja Turles. 10.35 Football on 5:
Pechampionship. (R) 11.20 Football on 5:
Goal Rush. (R) 11.30 Flormula E.
12.50 Traftic Cops: Under Attack. (R)
1.45 All New Traffic Cops. (R) 2.45 Film:
A Koyal Night Out. (2015) 3.45 S News
Update. 3.50 Film: A Royal Night Out.
(2015) Concluded. 4.40 Film: The
Hundred-Foot Journey. (2014) 5.40 S
News Update. 5.45 Film: The Hundred-Foot Journey. (2014) Concluded.
6.55 S News Weekend.

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Royal Babies: The Crown and the Crib. Documentary exploring the lives of babies within the British monarchy, and assessing how royal approaches have changed over time. (R)

8.00 Meghan Markle: The First 100 Days. Profile of Prince Harry's fiancee, examining her first engagements as a member of the royal family and questioning what influence she may have on the monarchy in the future.

Meghan and Harry: In Their Own
Words. Documentary examining
interviews, speeches and social
media posts by the royal couple to
reveal a full picture of their lives
before and after their relationship
became public.

10.00 Film: The Dater's Handbook (2016) Premiere. When a woman turns to a relationship self-help book for advice, she finds herself torn between two men. Romantic comedy, starring Meghan Markle.

comedy, starring Megnan Marke.

11.45 Inside Kensington Palace: Fit for a Princess. The history of famous buildings, beginning by going behind the scenes of the royal residence. (R)

1.10 SuperCasino. 3.10 Secrets of the Great Yorkshire Castle. (R) 4.00 My Mum's Hotter Than Me! (R) 4.45 House Doctor. (R) 5.10 Divine Designs. (R)
5.35 Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Only Connect 7.30 University Challenge
8.00 Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants 9.00
Titanic's Tragic Twin: The Britanic Disaster
10.00 Why the Industrial Revolution
Happened Here 11.00 Conversations: Alex
Salmond 12.00 Timeshiff: Eyes Down! The
Story of Bingo 1.00 Insect Worlds 1.30
Revolution and Romance: Musical Masters
of the 19th Century 2.30 Titanic's Tragic
Twin: The Britannic Disaster 3.30 Close

11.50 You've Been Framed! Gold 12.20 Film: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) 1.20 FYI Daily 1.25 Film: Looney Tunes: 1.20 FtV Daily 1.25 Flim: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) 2.10 Flim: Casper (1995) 3.10 FtVl Daily 3.15 Flim: Casper (1995) 4.05 Britains Got Tlaetti 5.38 Britains Got More Talent 6.40 Flim: The Mummy (1999) 7.40 FV Daily 7.45 Flim: The Mummy (1999) 9.00 Flim: Fast & Furious 7 (2015) 10.35 FVI Daily 10.40 Flim: Fast & Furious 7 (2015) 11.40 Family Guy 1.10 American Dadl 2.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.30 Teleshopping

11.25 A Touch of Frost 3.40 Inspector Morse 6.00 Lewis 8.00 The Cruise 9.00 Tommy Cooper Forever 10.00 Film: Changeling (2008) 12.50 Blue Murder 2.35 Tommy Cooper Forever 3.25 Road to Avonlea 5.55 ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

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3.00 River Monsters 9.00 Film: Tremors (1990) 11.00 FYI Daily 10.10 Film: Tremors (1990) 11.00 FIlm: Universal Sodier: Regeneration (2009) 12.55 The Saint 2.00 It's Not Rocket Science
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E4
11.00 The Goldbergs 1.30 Brooklyn NineNine 2.00 The Big Bang Theory 5.50 Young
Sheldon 6.15 The Big Bang Theory 6.45
Film: The Net (1995) 9.00 Marvel's Agents
of SHELD 10.00 The Inbetweeners 11.10
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1.10 The Inbetweeners 2.15 Marvel's Agents
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FIIM
1.00 Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) 1.00
Shark Tale (2004) 2.45 Shrek (2001) 4.30
Speed 2: Gruise Control (1997) 6.55 Dante's
Peak (1997) 9.00 Transformers: Dark of the
Moon (2011) 12.00 Tank 432 (2015) 1.45
Monsieur Lazhar (2011) 3.55 Close



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FILM CHOICES

Deadly Duplicate, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A struggling single mother in the midst of a fierce custody battle is framed for the murder of her wealthy father by her ambitious identical twin sister Thriller. starring Jen Lilley and Peter Douglas. (2018)

TUESDAY

Deadly Delusion, Channel 5, 3.15pm In search of a fresh start, Julia, a troubled woman, moves to Los Angeles with her new boyfriend. After settling into a new home, strange things begin to happen, and Julia becomes convinced that her demons have moved with her. Thriller, starring Haylie Duff, Mike Faiola and Teri Polo. (2017)

WEDNESDAY

Admission, Channel 4, 1.35am

A by-the-book university admissions officer visits an unconventional school run by a former college friend to interview a gifted student. She begins to suspect the pupil may be the son she gave up for adoption, and the experience makes her rethink her uncompromising outlook on life. Comedy drama, with Tina Fey and Paul Rudd. (2013)



THURSDAY

Patricia Cornwell's At Risk, Channel 5, 3.15pm An ambitious district attorney wants to improve her political standing by cracking a murder case that has gone unsolved for 20 years. She recruits a state police detective to take on the investigation, but he ends up uncovering another crime much closer to home.

Mystery, starring Andie MacDowell, Daniel Sunjata and Annabeth Gish. (2010)

FRIDAY

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Shaun of the Dead, ITV, 11.15pm
An unambitious 29-year-old man recently dumped and trapped in the job from hell decides to get his life back on track. Unfortunately, he has to put his plans on hold when zombies rise from their graves and stalk the streets of London to feast on the living. Comedy horror, starring Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Kate Ashfield, Dylan Moran, Lucy Davis, Bill Nighy and Penelope Wilton. (2004)

Neil is getting all fired up about a new wi-fi mast

t was a month in which an asteroid was named in honour of Freddie Mercury to mark what would have been his 70th birthday, the Summer Paralympic Games opened in Rio, Stan Wawrinka won the US Open men's tennis singles title, Sam Allardyce quit as England manager - and the BBC st Landmark Sitcom Season was in full swing.

Most viewers will remember that the last in that list saw the return of much-missed favourites such as Porridge and Goodnight Sweetheart, as well as a look at the early life of Keeping Up Appearances' Hyacinth Bucket.

But sneaking in there was a selection of pilot editions for various prospective programmes, including Motherland (a full run of which aired last November) and Home From

The latter is back this week and is making the leap from BBC Two to prime-time BBC One, so clearly its makers have heaps of faith in it.

Johnny Vegas heads the cast as Neil Hackett who, along with his wife

Fiona, has achieved his long-cherished dream of moving to a lodge in the Lake District. However, it seems that at every turn, their wealthy, effortlessly 'superior' neighbours the Dillons manage to spoil it.

Will the Hacketts ever get the upper hand?

upper hand?
"We are thrilled with the news that Home From Home is going to series and cannot wait to get to work," claims Vegas when news of the full series was announced almost 18 months ago. "We all felt we were on to something very special whilst making the pilot and were rewarded with some wonderful feedback.
"We have so much more to."

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"We have so much more to
explore with these characters and
relish the opportunity to share
where they go from here. The
opportunity to work closely with
Home From Home's creators, fellow
cast members and producer
Rebecca Papworth is one I'm
chuffed to have. We are absolutely
chomping at the bit to deliver a
worthy addition to BBC One's rich
comedy nedigree " comedy pedigree.

The BBC's controller of comedy commissioning, Shane Allen, adds: "Featuring a knock-out cast, rich comedy themes – the northern family versus the southern one – plus those on their way up the class ladder alongside those on their way down.

"There is something for everyone to relate to and it has a big heart making it the perfect fit for BBC One. We need cheering up now more than ever and it's about time Johnny Vegas was front and centre of a broad appeal sit

Regular TV viewers may want to point out to Mr Allen that Vegas already appears in Still Open All Hours, but while that is rather cosy Home From Home promises to have more hite. have more bite.

Vegas isn't the only big name to sign up either – Adam James and Emilia Fox, who featured in the pilot, are returning too, alongside Pearce Quigley and Susan Calman.

And with a pedigree like that behind it, the series can surely be nothing else but a hit.

PICK OF THE WEEK



Johnny Vegas and Niky Wardley star in Home from Home, Friday, BBC1, 9,30pn

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

The Queen's Green Planet

ITV, 9pm Documentary following Her Majesty the Queen and an ambitious legacy project to create a global network of protected forests, spanning the 53 countries of the Commonwealth. The film also features a conversation between the Queen and Sir David Attenborough in the gardens of Buckingham Palace last summer, with the subjects ranging from climate change to conkers and birthday gifts. There is also footage of the members of the royal family involved so far in making the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy a reality.

Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge BBC2, 8pm

Four food producers with fledgling businesses test out their products on the locals in Malhamdale in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales. They have two days in the shop to promote and sell their wares. This time it's makers of preserves, pickles and spreads battling it out for a place in the final. Tom Kerridge meets members of the community as they try the unusual preserves. Meanwhile, judges Alison Swan Parente and Nisha Katona visit the food producers at home to see how well their product is made.

Stephen: The Murder that Changed a Nation BBC1, 9pm

In April 1993, 18-vear-old black student Stephen Lawrence was murdered in an unprovoked attack by a group of white youths. Now as the 25th documentary, which is shown across consecutive evenings, sets out to tell the story not just of the crime, but the subsequent investigation which would turn into one of the longest, most complex and arguably mishandled in the Metropolitan Police's history, allowing the suspected killers to escape justice for nearly 20 years.

Wednesday

BBC1, 8pm There's nothing worse than forking new household appliance, or something smaller - only to find out when it's too late that you've been taken for a ride. If only there was someone to look out for honest consumers. Thankfully, Watchdog Live is back to do just that, as presenters Matt

anniversary approaches, this fascinating three-part

Watchdog Live

out for a purchase - whether it's a big investment such as a holiday or

Allwright, Steph McGovern and Nikki Fox regroup at their Salford studio. In the opening episode, they take a look at car parking charges, specifically an astonishing new way that parking companies can hit motorists with charges – and why we should n necessarily have to pay them.

ITV, 9pm
Joyce is furious with Sam and Monty
after Sammy's disastrous performances in Neptunes, and she soon finds out that Monty has given him a Solana contract. Meanwhile, Doreen jumps the gun by sending Pauline's novel to

> memory lane and spend a day reliving their youth Elsewhere, Denis and Nigel are increasingly reluctant to arrest Lesley, and Mateo worries about having to go on another concubine cruise with Crystal Hennessy-

be published, and Sheron and Billy take a trip down

Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge, Tuesday, BBC2, 8pm

Not Going Out

BBC1, 8.30pm Lee Mack and Sally Bretton star in the domestic comedy which sees the couple appear to go from one disaster to the next, while coping with their three kids, Lucy's disapproving parents, Lee's feckless dad Frank and their world-weary friends Toby and Anna. In this final episode, Lucy begins to consider having a boob job, encouraged by Anna, wondering whether it will help her regain some of the femininity she felt in her youth.

FRIDAY The Button BBC1, 8.30pm

From the makers of Taskmaster, the show that proved there's more to Dave than repeats of QI, comes this intriguing new game show. It's set simultaneously in the houses of five UK families, whose members tackle a number of fiendishly fun challenges requiring skill, determination and intellect from the comfort of their living rooms over the course of a day. With different amounts of money up for grabs for each challenge, The Button lets the most successful household pocket everything they've won during the show. However, the losing teams get nothing.



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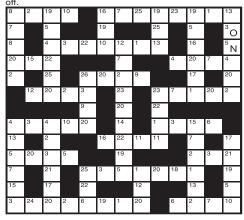
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

¹ A	² K	³ В	⁴ J	⁵G	⁶ F	⁷ E	⁸ W	⁹ V	10 D	11 Y	12 T	13 H
14 N	15 S	16 Q	17	¹⁸ O	¹⁹ M	²⁰ C	21 R	22 X	²³ P	²⁴	25 L	²⁶ U

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Double Crossword

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. Presumably not an ailment of tropical climes (4)
- 3. Crude to a teacher
- 8. One only conceals a form of lighting
- 9. Got back into
- Parliament (8) 11. Bad narrative from inferior member of family (4,8)
- 13. Sailor gets a severe
- telling off (6) 14. More coarsesounding shopkeeper (6)
- 17. Unequalled performance from a jailbird? (6,6)
- 20. Arrange prim seat
- for prelates (8) 21. Metal from La Paz
- in current use (4) 22. Is deeper and
- faster (8) 23. Old and greyer every day initially (4)

Down

- 1. Plot to get 100 to top of high part of church (8)
- 2. Beware of the sentry (4,3)
- 4. Lives where there are 500 sources of water (6)
- 5. Legal compulsion to be a suitor? (5,5)
- 6. Dance to remove the effects of sunbathing? (5)
- 7. Dupes are taken for such a journey (4)
- 10. Where spectators witness tremendous resistance? (10)
- 12. Manufactured to a greater extent? (8)
- 15. Boasting 100 at the oars (7)
- 16. Where to be an essential part? (6)
- 18. Lift up, but don't quite commend (5)
- 19. Work involved in preparing soup (4)

Quick Clues:

1. Agreement (4)

Across

- 3. Humidity (8)
- 8. Genuine (4)
- 9. Creature of prey (8)
- 11. Disconcerting (12)
- **13.** Rigorous (6)
- 14. Suitable (6)
- 17. Slander (4,8)
- **20.** Prolonged (8)
- **21.** Labyrinth (4) **22.** Beset (8)
- 23. Minus (4)

Down

- 1. Wilful (8)
- 2. Room (7)
- 4. Aviator (6)
- 5. Walker (10)
- 6. Consumed (5) 7. Certain (4)
- 10. Aggressiveness (10)
- 12. Advance (8) 15. Confidential (7)
- 16. Orb (6)
- 18. Elects (5) 19. Medicinal plant (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains



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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stage-fright, 9 Present, 10 Guide; 11 Rites; 12 Outpost, 13 Abrade; 15 Grilse; 18 Fairway; 20 Flute; 22 Rosses; 23 Overact; 24 Necessities. Down: 2 Treat; 3 Guessed; 4 Fathom; 5 Ingot, 6 Hair-oil; 7 Spartan fare; 8 Settlements; 14 Reissue; 16 Reflect; 17 Pylons; 19 Waste; 21 Usage, QUICK - Across: 1 Overweening; 9 Erratic; 10 Demon; 11 Theme; 12 Siender; 13 Idiots; 15 Placed; 18 Transom; 20 Appal; 22 Voice; 3 Nearest; 24 Intersperse. Down: 2 Verge; 3 Retreat; 4 Excuse; 5 Nudge; 6 Nomadic; 7 Restrictive; 8 Incredulity; 14 Irania; 16 Leakage; 17 Amends; 19 Sieve; 21 Press.

Quiz

- Which former political leader's middle name is Rolihlahla?
- Which US weekly magazine was founded in 1925 by Harold Ross?
- What type of creature is the bushmaster?
- Which river flows through Lake Constance? In which year was the first EC passport introduced?
- 6. What is the official report of the proceedings of the British Parliament called?
- Which English medal was issued in 1588? Who wrote Sinister Street and Whisky
- 8.
- In which country is El Lliama volcano, which erupted in 1994?

 10. What is the highest rank in the RAF?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Larch; 2 Hans Christian Andersen;

3 11th November; 4 120; 5 Arctic; 6 Jennifer

Capriati; 7 Nuku'alofa; 8 South African;

9 Martyrs: 10 Romania.

Niner: INTRODUCE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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Two-bedroomed traditional semi is near amenities

Webbs Estate Agents is pleased to offer a deceptively spacious traditional semi-detached property in Mountside Street, Hednesford, Cannock, on sale for offers in excess of £115,000.

Close to Cannock Chase, Hednesford town centre and train station, the property is close to all usual

In brief, the residence consists of a lounge, a dining room, a re-fitted kitchen, a utility and a side entrance.

To the first floor there are two double bedrooms and a family three-piece bathroom. Externally the property has an enclosed rear garden and side gate leading to the front. Viewing is recommended to fully appreciate this property.

The lounge features a double-glazed window and door facing the front elevation, a wall-mounted radiator, a ceiling light point and a further door leading into the dining room.

The dining room itself has a double glazed door to the rear and windows to the side elevation, a wallmounted radiator, an understairs storage cupboard and an opening leading into the refitted kitchen.

The kitchen features a double-glazed window facing the side elevation, and has a range of wall, floor and drawer units with wood-effect work surfaces over. It incorporates a one-and-a-half bowl sink and drainer with a mixer tap over, an integrated oven and hob, and has space for a fridge freezer.

The utility has space and plumbing for a washing

The bathroom features an obscure double-glazed window facing the rear, a panel bath with shower over, a pedestal hand wash basin, a low level W/C, splash back tiling, a ceiling light point and vinyl

Externally the property has an enclosed rear garden mainly laid to lawn, with a patio seating area, and a gate to the side that leads to the front of the property

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KEY FEATURES

2 double bedrooms

2 reception rooms

Re-fitted kitchen

Enclosed rear garden

Close to amenities







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- •Large Corner Plot





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• Lounge Diner • Loft Storage Space

Allocated Parking Space • EPC = B

• Two Bedroom Semi Detached House • Living Room With

Dining Area

• Extended Kitchen Diner • Conservatory & Large Rear Gardens

• Off Road Parking • EPC = TBC

£139.950

 Semi Detached House • Two Bedrooms
 Two Reception Rooms • Fitted Kitchen & Conservatory • Low Maintenance Rear Garden • EPC = E

Hill Street Hednesford



• Two Bedroom Town House • Living Room & Fitted Kitchen Refitted Bathroom
 Off Road Parking To Rear • No Onward Chain • EPC = C



- Four Bedroom Detached House In Need of Modernisation

Throughout • No Onward Chain • Two Reception Rooms • Garage & Carport • EPC = TBC

Colliers Way Huntington



• Five Bedroom Detached • Two En-Suites & Family Bathroom Open Plan Kitchen Diner Rear Garde
 Garage & Driveway EPC = C

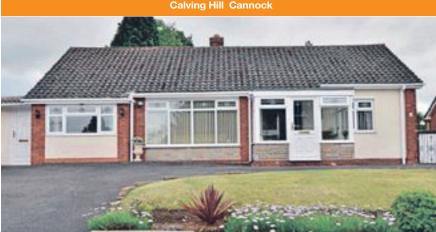
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• Kitchen Diner & Separate Lounge • Enclosed Rear Garden

• Garage & Driveway • EPC = C

Calving Hill Cannock



- •Two/Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- •Two Reception Rooms
- Open Plan Kitchen Diner
- Utility & Storage Rooms
- •Mature Rear Garden
- Driveway to the Front for Off Street Parking
- •Ideal Location
- •EPC = D



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HEATH HAYES



- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
 Refitted family bathroom
- Garden to rear
 Off road parking
- Awaiting EPC rating £159,950

HEDNESFORD



- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, sitting room
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Garden and garageAwaiting EPC rating

- Modern fitted bathroom

HEATH HAYES

- Lounge/conservatory Driveway
- Viewing Esstential
 PEPC rating C
 £142,000





- Lounge, dining room, conservatory
 Breakfast kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom

- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, driveway
- Garage

 Awaiting EPC rating
 £325,000

HEATH HAYES SALISBURY DRIVE



- Gas central heating and double glazing

- Kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom
- Family bathroom

- Garage, gardens, driveway
 Awaiting EPC rating
 £230,000

HEATH HAYES STRAUSS DRIVE



- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Master with ensuite
- Garden to rear, driveway ■ EPC rating C

£220,000 offers in excess of

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- Refitted first floor bathroom
- Ideal first time buy
- Ideal Tirst time.
 EPC rating G £129,950

HEATH HAYES



- Entrance hallway/study area
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Master bedroom with en suite
 Refittted family bathroom
- Garden to rear off road parking
 EPC rating E
- £260,000

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- A two bedroom semi detached house Gas central heating and double glazing
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroon
- Corner plot

Awaiting EPC rating £124,950

CANNOCK REDHILL ROAD

- Central heating
- Driveway, gated acess
 Modern fitted kitchen
- Awaiting EPC rating



- Dining room
 Kitchen
- Utility room, clo
- Awaiting EPC rating



- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room Refited kitchen, guest WC
- Two ggod sized bedro
 Family bathroom Garden to rear
- Garage and parking

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Three-bedroom semi-detached in sought-after village location is on the market with no chain

This three-bedroom semidetached property in Hough Way, Essington, is on the market with agents DB Roberts for offers around £219.950.

PROPERTY

On the market with no chain, this lovely house is situated in the sought-after village of Essington on the outskirts of Wolverhampton.

The property is immaculately

ESSINGTON £219,950

presented and will certainly appeal to those desiring a property which is ready to move into

The internal accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall,

lounge, kitchen diner, conservatory, master bedroom and en-suite, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside a driveway leads to the garage while there are also pleasant front and rear gardens.

For more information about the property contact DB Roberts on 01902 427257 or email wolverhampton@dbroberts.co.uk



Well-presented detached in quiet cul-de-sac is within easy reach of local schools and amenities

Positioned in a quiet cul-de-sac, this well-presented threebedroom detached property in Wallace Close, Cannock, is for sale through Marwood Homes at £160,000

The property is within easy reach of local schools and amenities, and is conveniently placed with access to the A5, M6 and the M6 Toll.

In more detail it has an entrance

CANNOCK £160,000

porch/hall with tiled flooring and

The lounge/diner is dual aspect with a bow window to the front, a fireplace, under-stairs storage and sliding patio doors to the conservatory with tiled flooring.

The kitchen includes an electric oven and a gas hob with an extractor over and has tiled flooring.

Upstairs are three bedrooms and a bathroom which is fully tiled and includes a bath with a shower over. The rear garden has a lawn area and slabbed patio area and a side gate to the side driveway and garage

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• JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this traditional 1930s detached home which sits on a mature plot of over half an acre (approx). The house itself has gas central heating and double glazing with five bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, utility, two bathrooms and double garage. The property offers huge potential within a highly desirable



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JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached family home being located in a popular area. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear with Driveway.





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• JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious and well presented link detached home in a popular location. Offered with No Upward Chain comprising of hallway, three bedrooms, kitchen/diner, bathroom and garage. The property is currently Leasehold however the current owners are in the process of purchasing the Freehold therefore the property will be registered Freehold on completion for prospective



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 JR Properties are pleased to market this four bedroom link detached family home, situated on a corner plot and close to local amenities. Having Porch, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Bedroom Four. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear.





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• JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, in the sought after village of Armitage. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for parking and Gardens to front and rear



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ConservatoryOff road parking & garage

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Mature Gardens

Snooker Room

Well Presented Detached House

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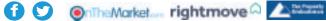


















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Extended Semi Detached

Ground Floor Bathroom

• 2 Reception Rooms

• Kitchen



• First Floor Bathroom

• Enclosed Rear Garden

• Off Road Parking







- Detached House
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 - Lounge
 - Dining Room
 - Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Corner Plot

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St David Close

Offers in Excess of £280,000 Oak Woods

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Charming private rear garden with direct access to Cannock Chas



Four bedroom detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Sought after semi-rural setting of Rawnsley / Spacious lounge and separate dining room Stunning open plan living area with kitchen, diner and si area / Show house finish through out / Quiet cul-de-sac

Hobby Way

Gorsemoor Road



Immaculately presented and deceptively spacious four bedroom detached house / Set on large end plot / Generous extended on ground floor / Modern fitted high spec kitchen

Streets Lane



etached family home / Sought after location / Superb s pen plan lounge-diner / Integral garage and driveway

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Braemar Road



Well presented three bedroom semi detached family hom / Quiet residential area /Spacious open plan lounge-diner Rear conservatory /Driveway with parking for two vehicle

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/ell presented three bedroom semi detached house / Set on

ood sized corner plot / highly sought after area / Spacious



One bedroom semi detached bungalow / Quiet location with woodland to the rear / Spacious lounge / Double pedroom / Delightful good sized private rear garden





spacious extended four bedroom detached house / Set on a large plot / Spacious reception rooms and bedroon / Large private rear garden which is not ove

Church View



Eharming two bedroom terraced cottage / Spacious ounge / Large double bedroom plus a further good sized single / Private rear courtyard / Off road parking

Elder Close HEATH HAYES

£240.000



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More choice in Renault offers

Renault is enhancing the appeal of its extensive model range with the announcement of its latest finance offers.

Available until July 9, the latest offers provide customers with a wide array of finance options. Depending on the model, these encompass three and four-year 4.9 per cent APR representative Selections PCP deals with sizeable deposit contributions and no minimum customer deposit, three and four-year 0 per cent APR Selections PCP packages, 0 per cent APR HP over four years; and cash contributions for those choosing to buy their new Renault outright.

Accessible

The three-year 4.9 per cent Selections PCP deals encompass the Clio, Captur, Mégane hatchback, Mégane Sport Tourer, Kadjar, All-New Koleos Scénic Grand Scénic and ZOE, ensuring that customers will find a new Renault to be highly accessible whether they are searching for the perfect supermini, SUV, MPV, family hatchback or electric vehicle.

The stylish, well-equipped Clio Dynamique Nav can be purchased for only £189 per month with a £189 customer deposit via the four-year 0 per cent APR Selections PCP finance package, which can also be adjusted with no minimum customer deposit.

Buyers in the market for a compact crossover can experience the recently-enhanced Captur Dynamique Nav for only £219 per month, after



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a deposit of £219, when purchased through the four-year 0 per cent APR Selections PCP finance package. For those who want a larger

crossover, the award-winning Kadjar is available with the three-year 0 per cent APR Selections PCP finance package, from just £169 with £6,327 deposit.

Completing the manufacturer's SUV offers, the All-New Koleos starts at £199 a month with £7,862 deposit on the three-year 0 per cent APR Selections PCP. Drivers can enjoy its superb blend of luxury, high specification and driving dynamics. Families who crave space but who

style or equipment will certainly be attracted to the deals on the Scénic and Grand Scénic. Bought through the three-year 0 per cent Selections PCP deal The Scénic costs from £219 per month with a customer deposit of £7,305, while the Grand Scénic can be enjoyed for £239 a month once customers place a deposit of £7.310.

Appealing

The offers make the Twingo range especially appealing to cash buyers, with Renault contributing up to £2,400 on selected models, while both the Captur and Clio come with £1,000 contributions apiece when bought outright. Mégane hatchback, Mégane Sport Tourer, Kadjar, Scénic, Grand Scénic and All-New Koleos all come with a £1,500 cash when purchased the same way.

For those wishing to join the ever-increasing number of drivers who are enjoying the efficiency of the multi-award winning ZOE, the allelectric supermini is available via the three-year 4.9 per cent APR Selections PCP deal from £199 per month, plus a monthly battery rental charge of £69, after a customer deposit of £3,499.

For those who want to purchase a ZOE without the monthly battery rental then there is also an offer available on the 'full purchase' i-ZOE. Based on the three-year 4.9 per cent APR Selections PCP deal, it costs from £269 per month with a customer deposit of





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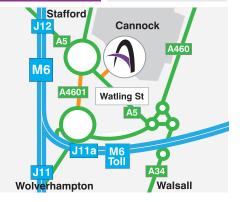
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Six years in the making, it's been tested in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and America – north and south. It has sleek, stylish lines with a long bonnet, high waist and low air intakes either side, ensuring the rear-wheel drive Stinger looks every inch the part.

It comes with the choice of three engines and three trims. The GT-Line and GT-Line S are powered by either a 2.0 litre 244bhp petrol engine or a 2.2litre 197bhp diesel while the range-topping GT S is sold exclusively with a 3.3litre 365bhp twin-turbo V6. All are turbocharged, direct injection and all are mated to an eight-



The rear wheel Stinger looks the part

With that amount of power, the performance starts are bound to be impressive – 0-60pmph in less than five seconds for the 3.3litre V6 and on to a top speed of 168mph. The 2.0litre petrol unit tested zaps from a standing start to 60mph in less than six seconds and has an average fuel economy of 35.8mpg which works out at

more than 450miles between fuel stops.
On the road, the Stinger is a delight, with rock solid road holding, precise, well-weighted steering, impressively effective brakes and a suspension set-up which absorbs all but the most unkempt town centre

Regardless of engine size, the Stinger is a pacey performer with the smooth automatic gearing keeping well up with the action.

Through the drive mode selector, drivers can choose one of five different set-ups adjusting shift and throttle programmes. Opt for the top GTS spec and dynamic stability damping control is added to the list of driver

selectable changes – normal, sport and comfort.
Inside, the cabin is more spacious than you might expect. The low driving seat is easily adjustable thanks to the standard electric set-up. The rear has seat belts for three but two would be more comfortable and your own hips are preferable given the low-slung position and high

In addition, the outer two are heated on some specs so welcome on cold winter mornings.

The boot, at 406litres, is far more spacious than the car design would suggest.

Keeping in touch requirements are taken care of via Bluetooth plus Apple Car Play and Android Auto whereby your phone is synced with the car's connectivity set up.

The standard eight-inch touch screen has full European mapping and a traffic messaging channel. Driver can access traffic, speed camera and weather info via Kia Connected Services. There are USB ports front and back and the top two specs have a wireless 'phone charger.

All versions – GT-Line, GT-Line S, and GT S – are fitted with autonomous emergency braking whereby the brakes will be applied automatically if an impact is imminent. The top two specs also add blind spot indicators with rear cross traffic alert which warn the driver of traffic when changing lanes or exiting a parking

Prices start at £31,995 for the GT-Line. The price includes 18-inch alloys, an eight-way power adjustable driver's seat, eight-inch screen with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity plus DAB radio, head-up display and cruise control – so a lot of kit for your money.

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With the aim to reduce the stigma surrounding discussions on mental health, Ford has partnered with "Time to Change", an established mental health campaign run by the mental health charities', Mind and Rethink Mental Illness.

Around one in four people in the UK experiences mental health problems and young men, in particular, have been identified as a vulnerable demographic. Only a third of men (34 per cent) would talk openly about their feelings, while just under one third (31 per cent) of men said that they would be embarrassed about seeking help for a mental health problem.

A national public awareness film, promoting the front seat of a vehicle as a safe space to talk, leads the campaign after research, conducted by Ford, found that over two-thirds (67 per cent) of people said they were more comfortable talking about issues when in a

"One in four of us go through mental health issues at some point in our lives, so it really affects us all, be it through personal experience or through the people we know," said Ford of Britain chairman and managing director. Andy Barratt, "As the market-leading car and van brand in the UK, Ford is an important part of



At the pledge signing: Sue Baker OBE, Andy Barratt, Charles Bilyeu and Matt Loynes

society and we want to use that relationship to reach as many people as possible and encourage them to ask

one simple question – 'is everything OK?'."

Andy Barratt and Charles Bilyeu, chief executive officer, Ford Credit Europe Bank, have both signed the Time to Change Employer Pledge, making Ford one of the first automotive manufacturers to promote metal health awareness in the workplace. The pledge commits the organisation to deliver actions aimed at increasing the mental health support available to employees, working in conjunction with Mental Health

"A vehicle is a great place to start talking because it's like your own private bubble, where you're on a journey together and vou're shoulder to shoulder." says Ford engineer and employee champion, Matt Loynes, who came through the lowest point of his mental health issues with the support of a friend. "This is about getting everyone on-board and making it part of the culture to take a moment to listen to friends, colleagues and family, to understand and to find the right help for

"We're delighted that Ford is committed to improving attitudes towards mental health," said director of time to change, Sue Baker OBE. "Their support will help hit home the message that we all have a role to play in looking out for one another's mental health. As Ford's public awareness film highlights, talking about mental health doesn't have to be the elephant in the room."

Ford and Time to Change have also come together to create five 'top tips' as a starting point to help people across Britain to spot the signs and offer the necessary

- Text/Call Reach out start small
- Find a good time and place
- Go for a coffee
- Ask how they are listen without judging
- Treat them the same

"Having a mental health problem can be incredibly isolating, but knowing that there are people around you who care, and will listen without judgement, can make all the difference," continued Sue Baker OBE, "If you're worried about a friend, loved one or colleague, don't hesitate to reach out and ask them how you can help."

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Awards on the day will be presented for Best Club Stand, Precision Slow Driving, Spirit of the Show, Concours awards (by year and class), novice classes and Show'n'Shine awards.

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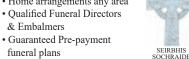
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Of Cannock

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Quarterback Jo Kilby hands over to the running back

Diamond date as Lions get ready to roar

RECENTLY-CROWNED national champions for the fifth time in their history, the Birmingham Lions women's American football team will travel to Finland this month to play in the Diamond Bowl, Europe's first-ever international tournament.

Created in 2014, the side are always looking for a new challenge, and this one might just be the biggest so far.

Travelling to Finland, Europe's leading nation for women's American football, the Lions will compete to become 'Europe best women's American football team' in an international tournament held in Helsinki from April 20-22 at the Diamond Bowl.

A squad of 37 players, six coaches and three members of medical staff will take off from London to face some of the top teams from Russia and Finland.

Historic

The Lions are pioneers in the women's game in Great Britain and are now well known for pushing the bounda-ries of the sport. They were the first British women's club side to take on a European club abroad in 2015 when they played French side Les Sparkles and travelled to Helsinki in 2017 to take on the Helsinki Wolverines, Finland's national champions.

A year later, they are about to play in an historic, un-precedented tournament, both on a European and domestic scale. This is the first time that any team affiliated with the scale: I his is the first time that any team animated with the British American Football Association (BAFA) Women's has played 11-a-side American football abroad.

Lions' Head Coach Jamie Kilby said: "Having never played an 11-a-side game together before the beginning of

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the tournament, we cannot underestimate how tough this challenge will be, and that is the exact reason why we want to take it on.

"Having already beaten the Helsinki Wolverines, in a nine-a-side game, hopefully the opposition will be a little wary, and that's what makes it even more exciting! The Birmingham Lions are fierce competitors, and with a roster bursting with talent in their prime I'm confident we are going to surprise more than a few people."

The Lions will face the Helsinki Roosters, hosts and

one of Finland's most established team, but also the Saint Petersburg Valkyries and the Tampere Saints in a former Summer Olympics venue, the Helsinki Velodrome. The Lions will open the tournament on April 20 against the Valkyries. Club captain Jo Kilby said: "The team is extremely excited to be returning to Finland, this time to play 11-a-side football versus some of Europe's best exponents. "Hosted by the Helsinki Roosters, whose pedigree is well

regarded, our ambition is to compete, represent our team and ourselves proudly whilst learning masses from the op-

must and experience.

"Whatever the outcome we hope to have a lot of fun along the way and bring a taste of the Lions brand of football proudly to the European fore."

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Burntwood can be proud of comeback

Telford Hornets 32 Burntwood 26 Midlands 3 West North

WHAT a game! Burntwood came back from 26-0 down to salvage two bonus points but couldn't quite complete a remarkable turnaround in fortunes.

markable turnaround in fortunes.

The hosts clung on to their narrow lead in six minutes of added time during which Sean Latham's side laid siege to the Telford try line. Telford survived intense pressure to seal their win and leapfrog the visitors to top the table.

With Stafford also winning, one league point separates the top three although Shrewsbury are still not out of the promotion race.

motion race

motion race.

The home side were ahead as early as the 5th minute. After patient build up, the No 8 injected pace from the base of a scrum and several close range drives later they were over in the left corner for an unconverted try. After going 26 points behind, Burntwood desperately reeded a some before the break and they

points behind, Burntwood desperately needed a score before the break and they got it in time added on.

They pulled it back to 26-21 but the hosts then added to their tally. With 10 minutes of normal time left, Josh Canning stole a Telford line out to launch his forwards on a drive for the line.

When it was helded Beer Bedwarth we

When it was halted, Ross Bedworth re-ceived possession for a carbon copy of his earlier score although this time Dunet's

conversion attempt was off target.
Burntwood 2nds went down to Telford
2nds at The Sportsway.
Burntwood welcome Trentham for

their final home game of the season this Saturday (3pm). The 2nd XV are TBA.

Chasetown throw away lead and slip out of play-off spots

Corby Town 2 Chasetown 1
CHASETOWN slipped out of the EvoStik South play-off places after throwing
away a lead at Corby Town.
The Scholars took the lead in the 11th
minute. Danny Cocks reacted first to a
loose ball and sped past goalkeeper Dan
Smith, who clipped the winger.
Before the referee could award a penalty, Chris Baker lashed the loose ball
into the empty net.

into the empty net.
Jordon Crawford forced Curtis Pond
to make a save at the start of the second half as the hosts tried to assert some

authority.

Corby levelled in the 64th minute when Jake Bettles fired into the bottom corner. The Steelmen won it with 10 minutes left. Patient build-up led to Bettles's second accomplished finish.

Wyrley 0 Darlaston Town (1874) 2
DARLASTON produced a distinctly average performance but still ran out

2-0 winners. The three points maintains their position in the top six and, with other clubs around them dropping points, it turned out to be a good day for Andy Parkes's side

Lewis rides to victory in Paris tussle



WIMBLEBURY rider Lewis Askey has won the prestigious Paris Rou-baix classic junior race. Lewis, 16, who rides for Back-

Lewis, 16, who rides for Backstedt-Hotchillee as well as the GB Junior Academy, was part of the six-strong Great Britain junior team taking part in the event on Sunday.

The juniors course was shorter than that of the elites. However, it still consisted of 111km and included 18 sections of the famous cobbles,

Pont-Thibaut, Cysoing or the Carrefour de l'Arbre.

After the third sector of the race

Lewis fell as he braked onto a slip-pery section but managed to get up quickly and back into the lead pelo-

ton.

He decided to attack a much depleted peloton with around 35km to ride, taking the Italian Samuele Manfredi with him. The pair swapped

off some concerted counter-attacking behind before Askey won the two-up sprint on the famous Roubaix velo-

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ormetricate to take victory.

Six seconds behind was Mattias Skjelmose from Denmark taking the final podium position then the remaining riders filtered through minutes later.

Lewis said: "This is an incredible start to my road season"

start to my road season

Club brings back its All Stars scheme

CANNOCK Cricket Club is looking forward to launching its All Stars Cricket programme once again this summer after the huge success of last year's

The initiative, supported by the ECB aims to provide five to eight year-olds with eight weeks of non-stop fun. The activity and game based programme is suitable for all skill levels and will provide each child with the foundations to begin a lifelong love of physical activity and cricket.

and cricket.

The hour-long classes are hosted at Chase Park and run for eight consecutive Mondays from May 14, starting at 6:30pm. The total cost is £40 per child for all eight sessions plus kit bag including a bat, ball, water bottle, personalised shirt and can shirt and cap.

Honorary secretary Graham Machin

said: "This is the biggest initiative for grassroots cricket ever launched by the ECB. We at Cannock Cricket Club are

supporting it 100 per cent."

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Meanwhile, Cannock Cricket Club

Meanwhile, Cannock Cricket Club starts its outdoor junior training sessions for the 2018 season on Monday from 6pm at Chase Park.

This season, the club is running junior teams at u9, u10, u11, u12, u14 and u15 in the newly formed South Staffordshire & District Junior Cricket League as well as an u13 side playing in the Kidsgrove Junior Cricket League. Call Graham Machin on 07836 371043.

GLOVER MAI TE PO

Hednesford Town 1 Stourbridge 1

DANNY Glover's stoppage time equaliser earned the Pitmen a point in this battle between two mid-table teams in the Evo-Stik Premier.

the Evo-Stik Premier.

After a scrappy opening, with neither side really taking control, it would be the visitors who would force the first effort on goal in the 12th minute when Leon Broadhurst burst forward from midfield before unleashing a low effort that was superbly saved by Hednesford goalkeeper James Wren. Seven minutes later, Wren was called into action again as Aaron Forde fired in an effort that was turned away.

Hednesford saw their injury worries increased

an effort that was turned away.
Hednesford saw their injury worries increased in the 38th minute when centre-half Sam Oji was forced off, with Tom Thorley coming on in his place as an emergency full-back.
In a half which saw little action in it, the final half-chance fell to the visitors, but Broadhurst headed his effort well over the bar on the stroke of half-time.

of half-time.

Hednesford almost edged ahead in the 59th minute when a free-kick from James Lawrie was whipped into the box and Callam Mendez-Jones saw his header flash inches wide.

This would prove crucial as Stourbridge took the lead four minutes later when Wolves loanee Nicolae Carnet did well down the right-hand side and his cross into the penalty area was met by Luke Benbow, who planted a header into the corner of the net.

ner of the net.

The Pitmen responded well to this setback though and Lawrie saw a shot from the edge of the box deflected and just stopped on the line by keeper Matthew Gould before a stinging effort from Danny Glover in the 75th minute saw the goalkeeper making a good low save.

Just when it looked as if Stourbridge had done enough to take home all three points Hednesford equalised in the second minute of stoppage time when Joey Butlin saw his header hit the post before it fell to Glover, who took his time before firing into the net.



Danny Glover forces home Hednesford's equaliser against sSourbridge Picture: Colin Rogers

Club serves up Tennis for Kids again

CHESLYN Hay Tennis Club has opened sign-ups for its hugely successful Tennis for Kids programme as part of the LTA.

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Hayles on top but settle for a point

Heath Hayes 1 Chelmsley 1
HAYES had the better of the game, going close on numerous occasions in the second half, but found the Chelmsley keeper in top form, pulling off at least four tax days of the second half.

four top-drawer saves.

Hayes took an early lead on 11 minutes when Ben Derbyshire netted from close range, but it only lasted two min-utes before Chelmsley were allowed to equalise when Hayes failed to clear a

This is a busy week with Hayes due to travel to Uttoxeter on Tuesday, entertaining ex-Conference side Ilkeston Town today (Thursday).

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